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KEJRIWAL IN JUDICIAL CUSTODY TILL JUNE 5
A Delhi court on Sunday sent Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal to judicial custody till June 5 in a money laundering case related to the alleged excise scam. Duty judge Sanjeev Aggarwal passed the order after Kejriwal was produced before the court through video conference, after surrendering at Tihar Jail upon the expiry of his interim bail granted by the Supreme Court for campaigning in the general election. The judge passed the order on an application filed by the ED, seeking extension of judicial custody by 14 days

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The general Public are hereby informed that my client Smt. Jyothi.S.S. W/o Suresha, residing at Flat No.D-05, Ayodhya Complex II, Supappa Layout, NES Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064 is the absolute owner of Immovable property described in the Schedule A,B and C hereunder and is in possession and peaceful enjoyment of the same till date without any hindrance from anyone.

That, one Mr. Nukula Chandrashekar, S/o Nukula Sivasah, residing at Flat No.305, 3rd Floor, SBI Officers Colony, Legend Apartment, Moosarabagi, Near Andra Bank, Amberpet, Hyderabad 500 036, Telangana State and his henchmen had obtained the signature of my client Smt. Jyothi.S.S. on blank Stamp Papers forcibly and under coercion, my client has been forced to sign on those blank papers. There is serious apprehension that the said Mr. Nukula Chandrashekar or anyone representing him may create a fabricated document like Sale Agreement for the schedule property. My client has already initiated legal action against the said Mr. Nukula Chandrashekar and his accomplice. The General Public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with Mr.Nukula Chandrashekar or anyone representing under him regarding schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, encumbrances, development rights, agreement or otherwise whatsoever, claims or intending to claim in any manner may do so under their risk and it is informed that such illegal transactions is not binding on my Client Smt. Jyothi.S.S. or her family members.

Schedule 'A' Property
All that piece and parcel of converted immovable property measuring One Acre located in Survey No.35/1B, Shivnashali Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk

Schedule 'B' Property
529 Sq.Ft. of undivided right, title, share and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' property.

Schedule 'C' Property
Flat bearing No.219, B Block, 2nd Floor, Residenc Building, Kathalakki, Property No.219, D Block, VENKAT WINGS ROYAL, measuring 1,548 sq. ft. super built up area constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such other apartment owners equally, including share of common areas, such as passage, lobbies lift, staircase and other areas of common use, with one covered car parking area in the basement area having bound No.219 and bounded on:-
East by: Corridor, West by: Walk Way Passage, North by : Flat No.220, South by: Walk Way Passage.

Shivakumar, Advocate,
No.23, East Park Road, Kumara Park East, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 001.
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E-mail: legaladvisorsiva@gmail.com

I, K. Lingegowda, S/o Late Kanegowda, Bangalore, holds the registered Agreement of Sale dated 03-12-2007 from M/s. M.D. Mahadevamma G.V.S. Maruliah Trust represented by its Trustees for purchase of the land bearing Sy. No.33, measuring 7 Acres, situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore (Schedule) Property also have paid full consideration. I have filed a suit in O.S. No.452/2021 before the Hon'ble VII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge (CH-19) Bangalore, against the M/s. M.D. Mahadevamma G.V.S. Maruliah Trust seeking specific performance of the registered agreement of sale. The said suit in O.S. No.452/2021 is still pending consideration. The general public is hereby informed and warned not to transact or deal with the M/s. M.D. Mahadevamma G.V.S. Maruliah Trust or anyone claiming through or under them, in respect of the Schedule Property during the pendency of said suit in O.S. No.452/2021. Despite this public notice, any person/s entering into any transaction or dealing with the schedule property through M/s. M.D. Mahadevamma G.V.S. Maruliah Trust or anyone claiming through them, will be exclusively doing so at their own risks, as the said matter is seized before the Hon'ble VII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge (CH-19) in O.S.No.452/2021. The undersigned may be contacted for more information and actual stage of litigation in respect of the said property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy. No.33, measuring 7 Acres, situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, and the entire land is bounded on: East by: Tank 6 Northside side Tank Bund Road, West by: Land of Chinnappa in Sy. No. 124 & 124 bearing Sy. No.52, North by: Land Sy.No. 124, 33/1 and Sy.No.32/2, South by: Land Sy.No. 12, 33/1.
Contact: **Sri.Gangadharmurthy**
Ph: - 9243107126

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This is to inform the general public that an Agreement to Sell has been executed residing at No.12, Lalitha, between **S.M.Narayana S/o Late S.T.Mudalappa, Sadasiddha, Jayanagara 1 Block, Bengaluru-56001** (OWNER) and **Purushothama D Sooda Munivappa**, residing at No.362, Near BMT Depot, 15th Cross, 11th Main, Poorna Pragna Layout, Bengaluru-560061 on 01.10.2020 on regarding the Sale of Site Property situated at Bangalore South Taluk, Uttarahalli Hobli, Hosakote Village (A&S Layout) Khatha No.30, **Property No.6, present property No.30/8, measuring East to West: (54+30) 2 feet and North to South: (55+90) 2 feet** totally measuring 3045 Square feet, bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Property bearing No.6, South by: Site bearing Sy.No.10 and in Property bearing No.30. The Agreement to Sell is still enforceable and legally binding. It has come to my attention that **S.M.Narayana** is attempting to sell the aforementioned property to third parties. I hereby caution the public, financial institutions, and all concerned parties not to enter into any agreement or transaction concerning this property with that **S.M.Narayana** or any other individual/person. Any transaction or agreement entered into concerning the said property in violation of the existing Agreement to sell will be considered illegal, and appropriate legal action will be taken against the violators. For any inquiries or further information, please contact:

Purushothama D Sooda Munivappa, Residing at No.362, Near BMT Depot, 15th Cross, 11th Main, Poorna Pragna Layout, Bengaluru-560061. Ph: 9845253221

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE V ADDL DISTRICT & SESSION JUDGE BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT AT BANGALURU P & SC NO. 15032/2023
BETWEEN:- Sri. H.V. Manjunatha Reddy, S/o Late M.R. Venkatasah, aged about 52 years, R/sat T. Hosahalli village, Devanagudi Post, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-560067...**Petitioner AND:- Nil....Respondents**

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC
Whereas, the above named petitioner has instituted a probate proceedings in respect of the Property in the below mentioned schedule, seeking grant of probate to the petitioner based on the Will, dated 23.05.2014 of late M.R. Venkatasah, it is hereby informed to the General Public that if any body have any objections for grant of probate they can oppose the same before the above court on 28-06-2024 at 11 'O' Clock i.e., next hearing. In default the Hon'ble Court will presume that there is no objections from any accordingly.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the agricultural property bearing survey No.176/120, measuring 1 acre including all rights, easement appurtenances and acquisitions whatsoever whether underneath are above the surface there to situated at Bagalur village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore north Addl now Yelahanka Taluk Bangalore and bounded on the East by: Bagalur - Devanagudi Main Road, West by: Konda Munivappa's Son K.Rishnappa Land in Sy.No.176, North by: Munivappa son Muniswamappa's land in Sy.No. 176, South by: Motappa's son Narayana's land in Sy.No.176
Under my seal and sign of the Hon'ble Court on this 30-05-2024

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, V Addl District and Sessions Court, Devanahalli.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Sri. S. Hanumanth Reddy**
No. 109, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Balaji Layout, Kogila, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560054

The general public is hereby informed that **D.D. Ravishankar Desai (Dharmavaram Desai Ravi Shankar)**, S/o D.D. Sundar Rao had filed the suit in O.S.No.3756/2023 before the Hon'ble Court XXX Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge at Bangalore (CCH-31) to declare that "declared that the name of 'D.D. Ravi Shankar (Dharmavaram Desai Ravi Shankar)' and 'Ravi Desai'" belong to one person the Hon'ble Court was pleased to decree the same. As such henceforth the name of the "D.D. Ravishankar Desai" shall also be "Ravi Desai" Any person having any objection against the change of name may be informed to the undersigned in writing along with the documents.

ADDRESS TO CONTACT:
Sri. D.D. Ravishankar Desai (Dharmavaram Desai Ravi Shankar), represented by his Power of Attorney holder **Sri. Bahadur R.S.**, S/o Late R.S. Bahadur Bahadur, Aged about 74 years, Residing at No. 97, Santhosh 7th A Main, 3rd Block, 4th Stage, Basaveshwara Nagara, Bangalore- 560079. Mob: 9880597543

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Immovable Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.71/4, situated at Chokkasandra Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District measuring 00.35.09 (35.5) Guntas, and bounded on the: **East** by : Land bearing Sy.No.71/5 belonging to M/s. Reccom Properties, **West** by : Land bearing Sy.No.71/3 belonging to Seenappa, **North** by : Land bearing Sy.No.71/2 belonging to Dr.Zareer Solapur Wala, **South** by : Land bearing Sy.No.72/2 belonging to Channappa

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E-mail: srinivasadvocate@gmail.com
Date: 02-06-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients, Mr.Thagathat Bagchi, son of Mr.Prabir Kumar Bagchi, Aadhaar No.5499 7998 4920 & Mrs.Jayati Somani, wife of Mr.Thagathat Bagchi, Aadhaar No.3474 2494 6591, both residing at Flat No.B-5, Pioneer Tower, S.R.Layout, Murgeshphalya, Vimanapura, Bangalore-560017, have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property, owned by its owner, Mrs.Gita Seshadri, aged about 60 years, wife of Mr.Sanjay Seshadri, residing at No.41, Arbors by The Lake, Jayalasanahalli, Jigani, Bangalore 560105. Any person/s having any claim over the schedule property or having any objection to the proposed sale, may kindly lodge their objections within 10 days of this notice, with documentary evidence to the undersigned. If no objections are received, my client will proceed further with the purchase and any objections raised after the said period shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Flat No.4-B, Municipal No.27/9, situated on the First Floor of the apartment building known as "GARDEN HOMES", having a super built-up area of 1,670 sq.ft, PID No.81-4-27/9, with a car parking space measuring 228 sq.ft in the basement floor of the apartment building, constructed on the property bearing No.27 (Old Municipal No.1), situated at Aga Abbas Ali Road, Bangalore, presently under the limits of BBMP, Ward No.30, Halasur Ward, together with 3.34% which is equivalent to 918 sq.ft of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land.

Jessie Thomas, Advocate,
B.A., LL.B., LL.M.
No.4 (Old No.319/3), 20th 'C' Cross 80 feet Road, CPJ, Indoor Stadium 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. Phone: 9845169302, Place: Bangalore. Date: 03.06.2024

DAKSHINA KANNADA CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED (DKMUL)
Kulashekar, Mangalore-575005
Phone : 9449866486 E-mail : dkmlupandi@gmail.com

IFT.No: DKMUL/PAND/1332/2024-25 Date: 01.06.2024
Short Term Tender Notification
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

DKMUL invites tenders for the period of 1(one) Year and 3 years from "Wholly Owned by Government of India Public Sector eligible IRDI Registered General Insurance companies" who deal with the cattle Insurance for cross Breed Heifers / Cows / Local Cows/Buffaloes (Without PTD Coverage) belongs to Members of the DKMUL.

Sl. No.	Item Description	Approximate Qty	Nominal EMD (Rs.)
1	Cattle Insurance for cross Breed Heifers / Cows / Local Cows/Buffaloes (Without PTD Coverage) coming under DKMUL union for period of one year and 3 years.	40,000 number of cattle	1,000/-

The tenderers may submit tenders for above detailed at annexure-A. Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in tender document to qualify for award of the contract.
Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website <https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Interested tenderers may obtain further information at the same address. The DKMUL will not be held responsible for the website problems if any, last date submission or non-receipt of the same. Also may contact Help line No: 8046010000, +91 8068948777 or visit to support@eprocurepkdsc.com

Date of commencement of Tender: From 03.06.2024
Date of Pre bid Meeting : 07.06.2024 at 11.00 A.M
Last date for Uploading of Tender : on or before 11.06.2024 up to 4.00 PM
Date of opening of Tech. Tender : on 14.06.2024 at 10.00 AM
Date of Commercial bid opening : After Technical evaluation
Other details can be seen in the tender document.

Sd/-
Managing Director
(Tender Inviting Authority)
Dakshina Kannada Co-operative Milk Producers Union Limited

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id: crmd@cityunionbank.in, Phone: 0435-2432322, Fax: 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties/properties for sale by City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.28,39,828/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Eight only)** as on 29-05-2024 together with further interest to be charged from 30-05-2024 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors No.1) M/s. Vijayashree E-Bazaar, No.667, Chamaraj Mahalla, Mysore - 570010. No.2) Mr. Chandrasekar, S/o. Kuppaswamy No.28/1, Vision India, New Sayaji Rao Road, Mysore - 570001. No.3) Mrs. Sowbhagya Lakshmi, W/o. Chandrasekar, No.28/1, Vision India, New Sayaji Rao Road, Mysore - 570001. No.4) Mr. S. Manjunath, S/o. Shambusivaiah, No.90, Sameerapura, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560018.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. S. Manjunath, S/o. Shambusivaiah)

Property bearing Old Door No.90, New No.1-4, situated at 2nd Cross Road, 1st Main Road, Sameerapura, Kempegowdanagar, Corporation 49th Ward, Bangalore City measuring: East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 30 feet consisting of Mangalore Tiled House and Common Passage, bounded on: East by: Property No.1-4, West by: Property belonging to Keshaviah Now belonging to Adeshiah Sathy, North by : 6 feet Common Passage, South by : House Munniyaya.

Reserve Price : Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS
Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale **Venue**
24-06-2024
City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Basavanagudi Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Nettakalappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004.
Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders must be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Basavanagudi Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Nettakalappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004.** (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd., together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470. (5) The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-ther-is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at 01.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (7) In general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer, may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be confirmed on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the Sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee, as applicable under law. (10) The successful purchaser shall pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other duties), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.**

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 31-05-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001. **CIN :** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, Fax: 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

My clients have negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property from **M/s Reccom Properties Private Ltd.**, having its office at No.6, II Floor, Nagin Mahal, 82, Veer Nariman Road, Church gate, Mumbai-400020 and the company herein has represented that it is having clear and marketable title over the Schedule Property.

Any persons claiming to have any right or claims or objection, may lodge their objections or claim along with supporting documents with the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no such objection or claims is received within the prescribed time, my clients will proceed to complete the transaction. If any objection and claim is lodged beyond the prescribed period it shall not be reckoned and it shall be deemed that all objections and claims by whomsoever are waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Immovable Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.71/4, situated at Chokkasandra Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District measuring 00.35.09 (35.5) Guntas, and bounded on the: **East** by : Land bearing Sy.No.71/5 belonging to M/s. Reccom Properties, **West** by : Land bearing Sy.No.71/3 belonging to Seenappa, **North** by : Land bearing Sy.No.71/2 belonging to Dr.Zareer Solapur Wala, **South** by : Land bearing Sy.No.72/2 belonging to Channappa

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Immovable Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.72/8, situated at Chokkasandra Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District measuring 00.16.00 (16) Guntas, and bounded on the: **East** by : Land bearing Sy.No.72/5 belonging to M/s.Recom Properties, **West** by: Land bearing Sy.No.72/3 belonging to Seenappa, **North** by : Land bearing Sy.No.71/3 belonging to Seenappa, **South** by : Land bearing Sy.No.75/1 belonging to Rajiv Saxena

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Date: 02-06-2024

This is to inform all and whomsoever it may concern that my client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from its present owner **Smt. M.N Lakshmi W/o late Sri M K Nagendra**, Residing at No. 21, 6th Main, 6th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-3

If any other person(s) / authority(ies) has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, claim, charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objections to the Sale transaction and shall inform/obtain the same in writing along with the photocopies of the documents relied for such claim/objections, through the registered post with acknowledgement due to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no valid claim/objection is received by the undersigned as aforesaid, my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property desiring that no one else has/have any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece & parcel of the property bearing Flat No.102 (Municipal No.21/1), in the Ground Floor, measuring 1325 sq. ft. of super built up area together with 335 sq. ft. undivided share, right, title along with one car parking constructed in the property bearing Door No.302, situated at 6th Main Road, Malleshwaram Bangalore City, Old Municipal No.377, now assigned as Corporation Municipal No.21 (PID No.7-5-21), situated at 6th Main Road, 8th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore (1) Western portion of the property measuring East to West 51.9 ft. and North to South 32.9 ft., totally measuring 1694.812 sq. ft. (2) Eastern portion of property measuring East to West 46.3 ft. and North to South 63 ft., totally measuring 2913.75 sq. ft., in all (1 & 2) admeasuring 4608.562 sq. ft. and bounded on the: **East** by: 6th Main Road, **West** by: Conservancy Lane and property of Sri Sambasiddhaiah North by: Private Property South by: 8th Cross Road and Property of Sri Sambasiddhaiah

RAGHAVENDRA P HOGADE ADVOCATE
No.1868, 1st Floor, Srir Park Road, Behind Nataraj Theatre, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020

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संक्षिप्त ई-निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

ई-निविदा सूचना सं. / e-Tender Notice No: SHAR/CM/D/E/B/2487202/2024-25 तिथि Date, 28.05.2024

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, "वांदीपूर, उड़ीसा में पर्यावरणीय एवं अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान सुविधा (एएसआरएफ) (रिच्यूट कारी)" (अनुमानित लागत: ₹29.54 लाख) के लिए ई-निविदा के माध्यम से मद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज 17.06.2024 को 14:30 बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट www.isro.gov.in या www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO पर जा सकते हैं।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for "Atmospheric and Space Research Facility (ASRF) at Chandipur, Odisha, (Electrical works)" (Estimated cost: ₹29.54 Lakhs). Tender documents can be downloaded up to 17.06.2024, 14:30 hrs. Interested tenderers may visit www.isro.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO for details.

हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रभान, सीएफसी / एसीएससी शार / Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR

Registered office: CFM Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd, Block no. A/1003, West Gate, Near YMCA Club, Sur.No. 835/1+3, S.G. Highway, Makbara, Ahmedabad-380051 Gujarat.
Corporate office: CFM Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd, 1st Floor, Wakefield House, Spott Rd, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 038

DUMBAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) Of Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets & Enforcement Of Security Interest Act 2002 (Herein After Referred To As The Act)

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CHINA'S CHANG'E-6 SPACECRAFT LANDS ON MOON'S LESS EXPLORED FAR SIDE

Chang'e-6 lunar probe launched on May 3 successfully landed on the far side of the Moon on Sunday, the Chinese state media reported

EQUIPPED TO COLLECT AND RETURN SAMPLES

The Chang'e-6 mission is tasked with collecting and returning samples from the Moon's far side, the first endeavour of its kind. Its landing site is at an impact crater known as the Apollo Basin, which is relatively flatter than other areas on the far side and is, therefore, conducive to landing. The probe is scheduled to complete sampling within two days

PREVIOUS MISSION FOUND TRACES OF WATER

- China's earlier mission, the Chang'e 5, brought samples from the Moon's near side. After analysing the samples, China said they contained water in tiny beads embedded in the lunar dirt
- Last year, India became the first country to land near the lunar south pole with the successful touchdown of the Chandrayaan-3 lander

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WHEN CHINA IS PLANNING A MANNED LUNAR LANDING

Actor Raveena Tandon, driver assaulted over 'carelessness'

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

ACTOR Raveena Tandon was allegedly attacked by a mob that accused her driver of rash driving and injuring a pedestrian.

In a video that has gone viral, the actor could be seen arguing with a crowd of people near her residence in Bandra on Sunday. As per the police, Raveena's car had just entered her residence compound when a crowd gathered outside demanding that the driver come out and speak to them over claims that the vehicle hit a woman.

Fearing that the mob may attack her driver and watchman, Raveena got out of the vehicle and tried to speak to the crowd. She was allegedly pushed and hit. In the viral video, Raveena is heard saying 'please don't hit me'. In the same video, a man and woman claimed that they were assaulted by the actor and her staff. The man in the video said the incident happened when he was walking with his mother, sister, and niece near Raveena's house.

As per the police, the CCTV footage of the said incident showed the actor's car did not hit the woman in question. The police said the mob was trying to enter the actor's residence.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Raj Tilak Roshan said no case has been registered as the police have not received any written complaint from either side. He said Tandon was returning home and her car was reversing. "A woman who walked past got angry at her driver and told him to drive carefully. The car did not touch the woman, but a verbal spat ensued. Raveena got out and joined the argument. We don't have written complaints from either party, so there is no case," Roshan said.

Govt formation talks in Itanagar to begin on Tuesday, says Chief Minister Pema Khandu

BJP keeps power in Arunachal with thumping victory

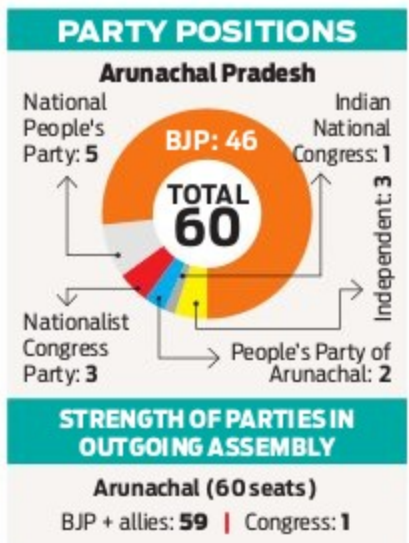
PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE BJP on Sunday retained power in Arunachal Pradesh by winning 46 of the state's 60 seats. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma's National People's Party (NPP), which is a BJP ally, bagged five seats to emerge as the second largest party. The Nationalist Congress Party won three seats, People's Party of Arunachal two, Congress one while one seat went to an independent candidate.

Earlier, 10 BJP candidates, including Chief Minister Pema Khandu and his deputy Chowna Mein, had won unopposed. The other prominent winners include ministers Mama Natung, Kamlung Mossang, former union minister Ninong Ering (all from BJP), Kumar Waii (Congress) and Thangwang Wangham (NPP). Ering, who had won the last election on a Congress ticket, joined the BJP a few months ago.

Former chief minister Gegong Apang (Arunachal Democratic Front), former minister Taba Tedir, MLAs Nyamkar Karbak, Lombo Tayeng, Kaling Moyong, Kumsi Sidisow (all from BJP) were among the prominent losers.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded the



BJP workers for their hard work. Chief Minister Pema Khandu expressed gratitude to the people. "It is a historic day for the people of the state and the BJP. We had won 41 seats in 2019 and 46 this time. In politics, there will be anti-incumbency but when the BJP is in power, there will be pro-incumbency," he said. He added that the win was a reflection of Modi's development initiatives.

Talking about government formation, he said, "All winning candidates will reach Itanagar on June 4 and the party leaders will also come from Delhi. Once the formalities are over, we will stake our claim."

SKM landslide in Sikkim leaves Oppn with just 1

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) on Sunday swept the polls, winning 31 of Sikkim's 32 seats in the state.

The Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF), which is the state's principal opposition party, won the only other seat. The winner here, Tenzing Norbu, was with the SKM earlier. He had joined the SDF after being denied a ticket by the ruling party.

The BJP, Congress and the newly-floated Citizen Action Party drew a blank. In 2019, the SKM had won 17 seats as against the SDF's 15. The SKM is a BJP ally and a constituent of the NDA but they had separately contested the polls.

Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) contested from Rhenock and Soreng-Chakung seats and won both. Pawan Kumar Chamling, who had served as chief minister for 25 years, contested from two seats — Namcheybung and Poklok-Kamrang. He lost both.

"The victory is a testament to your belief in the SKM. We will give our best in the next five years," Tamang told a crowd.

Ahead of the polls, former ace footballer Bhaichung Bhutia had merged his Hamro Sikkim Party with the SDF. Some



SKM leaders had also deserted the party and joined the SDF. These developments gave rise to a perception that the SKM will face a stiff challenge in the polls. The results belied that perception.

The trend in Sikkim is people give a party at least two terms in power. It started with Nar Bahadur Bhandari's Sikkim Sangram Parishad in 1985. It continued with the SDF and now with the SKM.

The SDF always tried to corner the SKM with charges of corruption but they boomeranged in the wake of last year's glacial lake outburst. The SKM managed to convince the voters that substandard work in the hydropower project carried out by the previous SDF government had caused the disaster.

Always Pro Teas



Case filed against seven senior cops over graft

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

TAKING cognisance of several offences punishable under provisions of the IPC and Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act against seven police officers, including two IPS officers, over their alleged illegal action against a private party for extraneous reasons, the special court to deal with cases registered under the PC Act ordered that a case be registered against them.

The seven accused officials are then Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) M K Thammaiah, Inspector SR Veerendra Prasad, DySP Prakash Reddy, Inspector Manjunath Hoogar, DySPs Vijay Hadagali and Uma Prashanth, and ADGP Seemantkumar Singh. They were then working in the now disbanded Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB).

Judge KM Radhakrishna passed the order on May 30 after hearing a private complaint filed by Mohan Kumar A, a realtor, against the accused officers. He filed the complaint alleging that he had been implicated by the accused, in a case, which damaged his reputation, based on a fabricated entry 'Mohan RT Nagar with two mobile phone numbers, take - 4 files back 1 file', made in the diary which was claimed to be seized from a BDA official, after the high court quashed proceedings against the latter for abuse of process of law.

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EXPRESS READ

SIT sleuths go in search of Bhavani Revanna

BENGALURU: The SIT conducted searches to locate Bhavani Revanna, wife of Holenarasipura MLA HD Revanna, in connection with a kidnap case. The SIT had issued notice, asking her to be present at home on June 1. When the team reached her home in Holenarasipura, she was away. P6



Ravi BJP's MLC pick, may get LoP post in Council

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE BJP has selected senior leader CT Ravi, state general secretary and chief whip in the legislative council N Ravikumar and former Basavakalyan MLA Maruthirao G Muley as its nominees for the June 13 Council polls from the Assembly.

Former minister Ravi was BJP national general secretary, and lost the May 10 assembly polls from Chikkamagaluru assembly constituency which he had won for four consecutive terms.

He is likely to become leader of the opposition in the Upper House if incumbent Srinivas Poojary gets elected from Udupi-Chikkamagaluru Lok Sabha seat. Ravi was an aspirant for the LS seat from Udupi-Chikkamagaluru or Bengaluru North, but did not make the cut.

The party is now considering him for an MLC post, and is likely to make use of Ravi's experience. P6



Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa pushed hard for former minister JC Madhuswamy's nomination, but the party high command refused

BJP sources

Kharge loyalists, CM's son in Cong nominee list

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

AFTER weighing in various factors, the Congress has picked its seven nominees for the June 13 polls to the Legislative Council, to be elected from the Assembly, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra, political secretary K Govindaraju, and Minor Irrigation Minister NS Boserajumaking the cut.

According to sources, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Siddaramaiah have had their say in the selection of three and two nominees, respectively. P6



DR SHIVARAM KARANTH LAYOUT

Bengaluru's first car racing track in the offing

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

PLANS are afoot to develop Bengaluru's first motorsport race track at Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA). While the only other race track for the city is expected to get ready in Devanahalli only in 2026, if all goes well and ongoing discussions over realising the race track turn out to be fruitful, the planned track at Shivaram Karanth Layout could be ready by November this year itself.

An organiser of car racing events in India, who did not want to be identified, is eyeing 2.5 km of



An aerial view of the location identified for the race track in Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout

space in the layout around the proposed 25-acre stadium in Somashetty Halli, to create a track by November, BDA sources informed TNIE.

"The 2.5-km space will be in the

form of a loop encircling the stadium. They will take over the area only during the duration of an event, which will last a few days. The upgradation required for a race and the barricading and other works for racing will be done. Otherwise, the road will be open to BDA allottees. The stadium is yet to be built, but space has already been earmarked for it," a senior BDA official said. Officials said roads around the proposed stadium — meant as a multi-sport facility — have already been laid around the stadium, which would take much longer to be constructed.

A top BDA official confirmed,

"A presentation was recently made to the BDA chairman and commissioner by the organiser of racing events to obtain space here for future events." The organiser identified other areas in Bengaluru, but finally narrowed it down to the layout, he added.

The layout covers 3,546 acres, spread across 17 villages, and awaits a green signal from the Karnataka High Court to go ahead with the notification for allotment. A motorsport expert said it is very likely that Indian Racing League events and Formula 4-related events could be organised here. CONTINUED ON: P4

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Rain brings city to halt, uproots 118 trees

Roads turn into rivers, orange alert issued



Motorists carefully glide past an inundated road at Bazaar Street, during a heavy downpour in Bengaluru on Sunday | HEWIN BYJU

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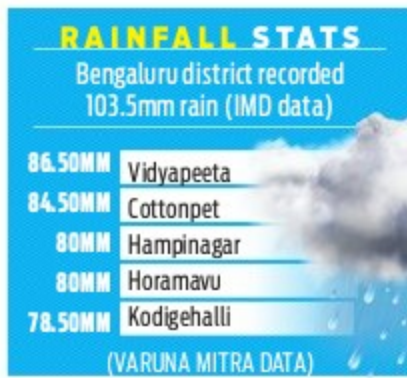
HEAVY rain that started around 4pm Sunday brought the city to a standstill. Thunderstorms brought down 118 trees and 128 branches, and left many roads inundated. Nearly half of the tree fall incidents happened on arterial roads, leading to traffic blocks and congestion through Sunday evening. IMD recorded 103.5mm rainfall on Sunday. According to Varuna Mitra, Vidyapeeta recorded highest rainfall of 86.50mm, Cottonpet 84.50mm, Hampinagar and Horamavu 80mm each, and Kodigehalli 78.50mm. IMD issued an orange alert at 10pm, valid for three hours.

Many roads turned into rivers in a short span of time and vehicle users struggled to wade through the waterlogged roads. Severe traffic jams were reported from Airport Road, Hosur Road, Peenya, Koramangala, Bannerghatta Road, Mysuru Road, Hebbal and other areas. Due to waterlogging, severe congestion was reported on the Bengaluru-Mysuru access controlled highway. In some areas, trees fell on cars, autos, trucks and other vehicles. No casualties were reported. As per BBMP data, of the 118 tree fall cases, 48 were attended to, and of the 128 branch fall, 99 were attended to. However, residents said tree and branch fall incidents could be much higher as the rain continued unabated.

A BMTC bus with over 20 passengers was stranded in the flooded Shivananda Circle underpass. The passengers, driver and conductor got out safely. The public cleared plastic covers, twigs and other trash that had blocked the drains and pushed the bus out from the underpass. There were also reports of water entering Manjunath Nagar. Those who preferred to stay indoors were not spared the rain havoc as some areas experienced lengthy power outages. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said officials have taken precautionary steps to avert rain damage.

"It is raining heavily. Staff at BBMP control rooms are alert. Steps have been taken to ensure free flow of rainwater into storm water drains and prevent waterlogging," Shivakumar said.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath directed the Palike top brass to get on to the streets and attend to rain-related complaints.



CE says no flood in Ramakrishna Nagar, residents disagree

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WHILE the areas around Ramakrishna Nagar and Yelachenahalli in Bengaluru South were flooded following Saturday's downpour, a purported X account in the name of BBMP Chief Engineer Prahlad has claimed that there was no flooding, and the videos of water gushing into the area are older, and are being circulated to "sensationalise" this year's rain. Angered by this claim from the account in the name of the Palike's chief engineer, residents shared more videos as proof of the inundation of the area on Saturday, citing civic apathy as the reason.

Prahlad said, "It is very sad to note that old videos of flooding are being used to sensationalise this year's rain. Today (June 1), there was rain and it was limited to road runoff at Ramakrishna Nagar."

Further, a photo taken at 5.28 pm on Saturday, with GPS location of the area (Kanaka Nagar, Kumaraswamy Layout) with no flooding, was shared by the chief engineer. In reply to this, residents, including one Gulab Pasha and Murugan, shared some videos of their own, highlighting flooding. They fumed that the BBMP engineers reached their area after the flood water had receded and misguided top officials by sending photo from another location.

Murugan, who shot the flood video that went viral on Saturday, made another video at the same spot, along with his neighbours, sharing proof. Sharing Murugan's video, many netizens demanded corrective measures by the BBMP, instead of suspecting the videos shared by the residents.

Metro ops stop on MG Rd-Indira Nagar stretch

ENS @Bengaluru

METRO operations came to an abrupt halt between MG Road and Indira Nagar stations on the Purple Line during peak evening hour on Sunday, as a tree fell on the rail tracks due to heavy rain. Train ops were halted at 7.26 pm, between the two points (which cover four stations), while short loop trains were run covering the two ends of the Purple Line. Both the Fire department and the BBMP were trying to remove the tree from the tracks late Sunday night.

Halasuru and Trinity stations figure between MG Road and Indira Nagar stations.

"A train operator spotted the fallen tree on the tracks, as he was departing Trinity Metro station towards MG Road. He

did not move the train and alerted the station controller. The passengers were deboarded at the station itself," Chief Public Relations Officer, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRL), BL Yashavanth Chavan told *TNIE*.

Short loop trains were operated between Indira Nagar and Whitefield on one end and MG Road and Challaghatta on the other. "It will take 2-3 hours to clear the tree. Heavy rain is also delaying the process. After the tree is removed, we need to take stock of the damage to the tracks and then consider the safety angle, which is paramount for us. Only after safety tests are done, can we resume operations along this stretch. We are doing our best to restore it at the earliest," he added.



The tree that fell on the Metro rail tracks in Bengaluru on Sunday

It is still unclear if trains will run along this stretch on Monday morning when operations commence at 5 am. "We have the full night ahead of us. We are hopeful of restoring normal operations by Monday morning. We will issue an up-

date late at night if there will be any change in that," BMRCL MD Maheshwar Rao said.

AS Shankar, Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance, BMRCL, said, "The train had just left Trinity station when the train operator noticed the fallen tree. The rear end of the train was still near the platform. He just reversed the train a little and passengers ended up alighting at the platform only. There was another train about to start from the MG Road Metro station and staff at Trinity station alerted the train operator not to run that train and passengers were made to alight at the station there. Neither of the trains were stuck midway and so no passenger had to alight along the tracks or use the walkway."

'SUGAR BABY' THE BIG DRAW THIS MANGO SEASON

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

THIS year's bitter-sweet mango season due to harsh weather has a new favourite, which is making all the noise at the Manga Mela in Lalbagh Botanical Garden. Vendors at the mela said that Sakkar Guthi, locally known as 'Sugar Baby', is the showstopper this season. The small, round and barely yellow mangoes are very popular among women and children, due to their extraordinary sweetness.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Samrat Gowda, a vendor, said that though this variety has always been in the market, however, this season the sales have exponentially picked up. "One of the reasons is that these sugar baby mangoes are extremely sweet and can be easily fed to children. They need not be cut or sliced, but just sucked on as a candy. We have been selling them for Rs 180 per kg." These mangoes are native to Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, and at the mela, vendors have been regularly selling over 80-100 kg of them, bringing an unexpected profit.



Though farmers were not happy with the stall arrangement, people thronged the garden in their thousands over the weekends to buy popular varieties such as Mallika, Raspuri, Malgova, Dasher, Kesari, Imam Pasand, and more. Another attraction at the mela this year is the Kari Ishad, the now GI-tagged mango that is being sold at Rs 300 per kg and has been flying off the shelves. Ganesh Gunaga, from Gokarna, has been selling the variety for the last 25 years and

said the business has been good compared to last year. Wrapped in a woven basket weighing 10 kg each, he said so far, he has sold over 300 baskets.

Hit by weather

Some vendors also said they are neither making a profit nor loss this season. Navya Sri, a farmer from Srinivasapura in Kolar, explained that the yield has been reduced by 50-70%. "Due to drought, the yield has been hit. We are spending Rs 700 per day for one labour and the mangoes they are picking are mostly spoiled and burnt due to heat. During transportation too, several tonnes of overripe mangoes are getting wasted," she said.

Another vendor, Karthik MN, explained that the delayed season is bringing more people to the mela, however, many resort to bargaining. "Due to less yield, we hope to sell the mangoes at a slightly higher cost, but the customers bargain quite a bit. At this rate, we will not even meet our total expenditure."

Gear up for a 'Parade of Planets'

ENS @Bengaluru

A RARE celestial event is on the cards for those interested in stargazing and astronomy over the week. A unique alignment of six planets—Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune—will be visible from June 3.

This can be viewed over the next several days provided the sky is clear during predawn. The planetary alignment, also called the 'Parade of Planets', is moreover an illusion, where planets are in such positions (on one side of the Sun) that they seem like they are aligned in a single line. According to NASA, the best time to view the parade is exactly one hour before sunrise, where the naked eye can view the phenomenon.

The Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) in Bengaluru said, "The orbits of the planets around the Sun are roughly in the same plane, and each of them is inclined by only a few degrees from the ecliptic (which is the Earth's orbit)."

Hence, as seen from the Earth, the planet's positions will be roughly along a plane at all times." It added that the Moon will be in a crescent phase and about 20 minutes before sunrise, Jupiter and Mars-Moon-Mercury will be less than 10 degrees above the eastern horizon, and won't be easy to spot. However, people can go out before sunrise every day this week and try to spot as many planets as they can.

The Jawaharlar Nehru Planetarium will also host an observation session in the predawn hours of June 3.

'Decibel levels will shoot up, but most Bangaloreans reside in noisy areas'

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AN event manager supporting the organiser, Ghanashyam, said, "We are planning temporary racing tracks, which means that only some modifications, including barricading, will be made at the time of the races."

A BDA official said, "Preliminary discussions are on and financial aspects would be worked out in subsequent talks. As of now, the organiser

is looking at a 5-year contract that can be extended by another five years, if required, and needs the space possibly for a few days twice a year."

Asked about possible noise pollution and impact on health of the layout's residents, a senior Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) official said, "Decibel levels will definitely shoot up, but most people in Bengaluru reside or work in areas where noise pollution is much higher than

what is prescribed for humans—45 decibels during the day and 55 decibels at night."

Bodapati David, a motor-sport expert, cited an order passed by the Madras High Court in February this year in connection with a 3.7-km Formula 4 night street car race. Writ petitions had been filed over the noise generated. The court stated that the racing event was for a few days only, and ordered the Tamil Nadu Government to install silenc-



ing equipment during the same.

David added, "A Formula One event was held at Buddh International Circuit in UP for three years from 2011, but was withdrawn later from the country. It is unlikely that a Formula One event will be permitted, but the Indian Racing League event and Formula 4 could be held in Bengaluru. The Federation of Motor Sports Clubs in India would approve of them. There are different gradations

in Formula Racing and F1 stands at the top. Nowhere in India do we have permission for it at present."

HEARING ON JUNE 6

The Karnataka High Court has deferred a hearing in connection with Dr Shivarama Karanath Layout to June 6. A total of 34,000 sites are coming up in the layout, with nearly 10,000 to be allotted to the public. It cannot be notified until the court gives the green signal.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

03rd June: If you've ever looked at the sky and wondered how on earth anyone ever figured out where the constellations are, then join the club. I have great difficulty recognising the stars of Cancer as a Crab, or Capricorn as a Goat. Aries, another great constellation, is really just a straight line of three bright stars—not at all like a Ram. It's more like a piece of string!

ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)



Today's sparkling Moon denotes a fairly enjoyable time just as long as you have thick enough skin. Friction will develop if there is too wide a gulf between what you want to do and what you have to do. Also, don't take other people's complaints too seriously—at least, not until they can show that they've got good grounds for feeling aggrieved.

TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 21)



A day of domestic responsibility suits your general emotional needs. You may remember one very important fact when it comes to getting the best out of partners: other people will appreciate you very much more if you praise what is best in their behaviour, rather than criticising what is worst.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Travel plans could be looming, but that doesn't mean that you will be on the move. It could be that others are coming to you, or that communication will be on the phone. One way or another, you should try to cultivate a global perspective, keeping at least half an eye on the big picture.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)



The simplest reading of your chart today is that it's a fine moment for dealing with financial matters, especially picking up fantastic bargains. A deeper interpretation is that it's time to get to grips with feelings of emotional insecurity—and work out where your doubts come from.

LEO

(July 24 - Aug 23)



The Moon plays a special role today, and in any circumstances that is an indication that you hold the key to all emotional relationships and developments. Use your power wisely, and never ignore your responsibilities. It's the least that other people expect!

VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sept 23)



The whole of the week is coloured by romantic and social enthusiasm, so even though today's stars are slightly on the shy side, do yourself a favour and organise friendly gatherings for later. Also, be sensitive to other people's doubts, otherwise you will store up trouble for the future.

LIBRA

(Sept 24 - Oct 23)



It's precisely because social influences are quite strong that even at work co-operation and teamwork are absolutely essential. Don't try and go it alone, however, and let your reputation among your peers. Plus, too subtle financial matters may be deferred without too many worries.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)



You may devote as much time as is necessary to your professional aspirations, or to community affairs, both of which must be designed to enhance your reputation among your peers. Plus, too subtle financial matters may be deferred without too many worries.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 22)



Unusual personal planetary patterns may be seen as good, because they make you confident and self-motivated, but difficult because you may resent partners' and colleagues' attempts to control your life. It's all a matter of striking the right balance.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 23 - Jan 20)



The developing romantic challenge between Venus and Jupiter is already stirring your emotions, beginning to produce new feelings of desire and longing. It's also encouraging you to reflect on the past. Just how this works out in real life will be clear by the end of the week.

AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 19)



Serious Saturn and energetic Mars are still playing their part, bringing the need for discipline and hard work, but to a lesser extent than over the past few weeks. The coming tendency is towards extravagance and increased costs, some of which will be your own choice, some other people's.

PISCES

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)



The overall presence of certain planets over your sign is rather more languid at the moment than at times in the recent past, which means that you may be able to take life one step at a time, dealing with this point now, that one then, depending on your changing moods.

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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- General holds large weapon (5)
- Rotor arm? (8)
- Capone and Eisenhower appear similar (5)
- Rumors who jump the gun are not forgotten (8)
- Use force to get peace we hear (5)
- A refuge for thieves maybe (3)
- How one talks with a caustic wit? (6)
- Possibly united by here separated (6)
- Lapups spilled tea (3)
- Dry, quiet and waggish (5)
- Worn after towing? (8)
- It should be disbanded before it comes to light (5)
- Meet a number on the border (8)
- Stone used in bagatelle (5)

DOWN

- They don't work for money (4,4)
- Being by water liked sea to be rough (8)
- Venerable an American patriot (6)
- The classic type of French novel (5)
- Not rounds used in an erratic salvo (5)
- Sin of a group of lions? (5)
- Change colour but fade away utterly (3)
- Food that may be bolted (3)
- Taking one drink laced with another (8)
- Write song that shows taste (8)
- Exact satisfaction from Geneva (6)
- Paces around the room (5)
- Abuse in common parlance (5)
- Become less neat (5)

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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ZACER

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PSPEOO

THE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

Saturday's Jumbles: SOUPY KNELT MEDLEY THRIVE

Answer: He was turning 90 and was opening birthday gifts that his family — PRESENTED TO HIM

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Well-wisher, 6 Kind, 10 Limbo, 11 Dog kennel, 12 Nuisance, 13 Throb, 15 Animals, 17 Scamper, 18 Reekers, 21 Pierrot, 22 Remix, 24 Identity, 27 Underdone, 28 Polio, 29 Deal, 30 Stethoscope.

Down: 1 Well, 2 Limousine, 3 Woods, 4 Sings, 5 Eagles, 7 Inner, 8 Delicate, 9 Text case, 14 Faground, 16 Aperture, 18 Portfolio, 20 Spinout, 21 Precede, 23 Media, 25 Topic, 26 Post.

VOTE COUNT AT 3 CENTRES TOMORROW AT 8AM

All arrangements ready at Mount Carmel College, St. Joseph's College, SSMRV College

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ALL things are in place for counting of votes for the Lok Sabha elections on Tuesday. The strongrooms will be opened at 7.45am and counting will start from 8am onwards. Counting of postal votes starts first and EVM polled votes come next, said District Election Officer and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath. He was addressing the media after inspecting all three counting centres falling under him.

"Three Lok Sabha constituencies — Bangalore South, Bangalore North and Bangalore Central — fall under BBMP jurisdiction. Three state assembly constituencies that are also under BBMP fall under Bengaluru Rural and Chikkaballapur Lok Sabha constituencies," said Girinath.

Explaining that there are three types of counting staff, Girinath said, "For each table, three staffers are assigned — micro observer, counting supervisor and counting assistant.



District Election Officer and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath inspect a counting centre in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Counting staff and agents of candidates have to come to the counting centres by 6am."

He added that counting staff don't know which table they will be assigned to, till they reach the centre on Tuesday morning. Only those who have been given an identity card will be allowed inside the counting centre. There are 14 tables in one room and if the rooms are

not big enough, more tables will be placed.

Separate rooms for election observers and Returning Officers have been arranged. A media centre has been arranged in the counting centre, Girinath said, adding that CCTV cameras are installed in each room, and Returning Officers can get CCTVs installed as they wish, and also videograph the counting.

'Give more security on counting day'

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JUST a couple of days before the announcement of the Lok Sabha election results, BJP-JDS Bangalore Rural candidate Dr C N Manjunath wrote to the Election Commission of India expressing apprehension over "disruption" of the counting process in the constituency.

He appealed to the ECI to provide additional security to prevent violence and ensure deployment of paramilitary forces around the counting centre to maintain law and order.

Dr Manjunath, son-in-law of JDS supremo and former PM HD Deve Gowda, was pitted against Congress candidate DK Suresh, brother of KPCC president and DCM DK Shivakumar.

In his letter, Dr Manjunath stressed on taking stringent security measures to ensure a peaceful and transparent counting process. "There is credible information that if the Congress candidate is poised to lose the election, there could be significant violence and attempts to disrupt the counting process. The potential for such disturbances is heightened by the involvement of Shivakumar, who might influence the use of government machinery to facilitate disruptive elements," he said.

Dr Manjunath said, "Given the high stakes and the potential for misuse of government machinery, it is essential that the Election Commission takes proactive steps to ensure the safety and integrity of the vote counting process for Bangalore Rural constituency."

Police disrupt B'luru with Gaza campaign, detain 14: Volunteers

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AROUND 100 people, including students, advocates and residents alleged that they were manhandled by the Pulakeshi Nagar police and 14 of them were detained while they were conducting an awareness campaign in solidarity with Palestine near the Carry Fresh Supermarket in Frazer Town on Sunday.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Sharad, an advocate who was part of the 'Bengaluru with Gaza' campaign, said, "A group of policemen, who were dressed in civil clothes, came to us while we were standing near a tea shop around Carry Fresh Supermarket and aggressively asked us



about our campaign. When we explained that we were raising awareness about the situation in Gaza, the police manhandled us and forcibly dispersed the crowd," he said.

While the majority of people left the scene, 14 of them who continued to argue with the police were detained. The participants stated that they did not raise any slogans and were solely raising awareness among the public verbally and only a few had placards.

Sharad added that after they began protesting against police brutality by raising slogans, one of the officers approached them, slapped one of them in the face, and took them to the police station, stating that they must continue their slogans at the police station.

Participants of the awareness campaign also reported that women were forcibly dragged from the spot by male police officers. A participant told *TNIE* that they intend to file a complaint with the Human Rights Commission regarding the incident.

Pulakeshi Nagar police denied allegations of violence and maintained that campaigns and protests can only be done at the Freedom Park.

Two men electrocuted, tractor catches fire

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TWO men, who were returning from a Karaga procession, were electrocuted in Electronics City on Sunday morning. The deceased have been identified as Haribabu (25) of Jigani and Ranganatha (30) of Veerasandra.

Police said after the Karaga procession in Hebbagodi ended around 5.30 am on Sunday, the duo headed home in a tractor carrying the palanquin. To make way for the tractor, the two used a stick to lift a power line. Due to the rain, the stick was wet and the youth died on the spot. The tractor also caught fire.

BESCOM lineman dies

A 28-year-old BESCOM lineman was electrocuted while fixing a electric wires on a pole near Rayasandra in Parappana Agrahara police station limits on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Nagaraja, a resident of Halanayakanahalli and hailing from Raichur. He has a one-and-a-half-year-old child.

The police said Nagaraja had taken safety measures to fix the wires. But when he climbed the pole, he received an electric shock and fell down, sustaining injuries. Passersby rushed him to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

EXPRESS READ

3 wanted in various cases nabbed

Bengaluru: Three persons, who were wanted in separate cases and had violated bail conditions by not appearing for court hearings, have been arrested. The JP Nagar police arrested Mani alias Kariya, who is wanted in eight cases. He was released on bail in 2022 after which he went absconding. The police arrested him near Silk Board on Saturday. The Girinagar police arrested Mahesh (42), a rowdy-sheeter involved in a murder case in 2021. He went absconding in Mysuru from where he was arrested. The Subramanyapura police arrested a murder accused who was absconding for four years. The court had issued warrants against him 16 times, but he evaded arrest. The police traced him to Mandya and arrested him. **ENS**



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8 Assembly constituencies

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390 Staff



B'LORE SOUTH

SSMRV College, Jayanagar

8 Assembly constituencies

2,120 Polling Stations

9 Counting Rooms

118 Tables

354 Staffers

Graduates' seat election today

District Election Officer Tushar Girinath inspected the mustering centre of Bangalore Graduates constituency here at Government Arts College. "Polling will be held on Monday (June 3) at 106 polling booths in all 28 assembly constituencies under BBMP. Voting will be held from 8am to 4pm. Before that, officials will conduct mock voting at 7am," Girinath said.

The polling officer/staff took polling materials, including a ballot box, ballot paper from the mustering centre and proceeded to the polling booths with tight police security in their assigned vehicles.

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SIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

All the students seeking admission to SIT during the academic year 2024-25 with a CET rank up to 1000 (B.E.) and CET rank up to 25 (B.Arch.) are awarded scholarships. The scholarship amount is equal to the tuition fee. Scholarships are awarded for these students during subsequent years also, provided they secure CGPA ≥ 8.5 in the previous academic year without backlogs.



DESPITE GRACE MARKS, SSLC RESULTS BELOW PAR

Educationists term this largesse a face-saving measure for the government, flag deep-rooted issues like teacher shortage

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

RESULTS for Karnataka's Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) exams have painted a grim picture this year. The pass percentage for 2023-24 averaged 73.40 per cent, yet the actual pass percentage was a mere 54 per cent, meaning only about half of the total 8,59,967 students who appeared passed, according to the previous assessment rules. This has raised serious questions not only about the quality of state board education, but also the future of these children who passed only due to the 'government's grace'.

With the declaration of results on May 8, the Karnataka State Examination Assessment Board (KSEAB), the nodal authority for examinations in the state under the Department of Primary Education and Literacy, stated that due to the decline in pass percentage by 30 per cent since last year, which was 83.89 per cent, the board decided to "enhance normalisation in the interest of students". The qualifying marks for attracting grace from the existing 35 per cent were reduced to 25 per cent, and grace marks increased from 10 per cent to 20 per cent in all subjects, as a one-time measure for all three SSLC exams of 2024. If one recalls, the government on September 5, 2023, had scrapped supplementary exams

and introduced three board exam rules, allowing students to choose the best out of three as their final grade.

This 'normalisation of qualifying marks' is a point of contention because if students cannot have a basic understanding of the subject, how are they qualified enough to move to higher classes? Many educationists have attributed this move by the government as a face-saving measure. Several individuals, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, raised questions on the need for increased grace marks. Some even said if there are two more exams left, why issue grace marks in the first exam?



Meanwhile, officials said that for the first time in SSLC exams, webcasting systems through CCTV were introduced in almost 99 per cent of the 2,750 examination centres throughout the state. Control rooms were set up in all districts to monitor the live feed. "This has restored integrity and inculcated a habit of writing exams without resorting to unfair practices," defended Ritesh Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, School Education and Literacy

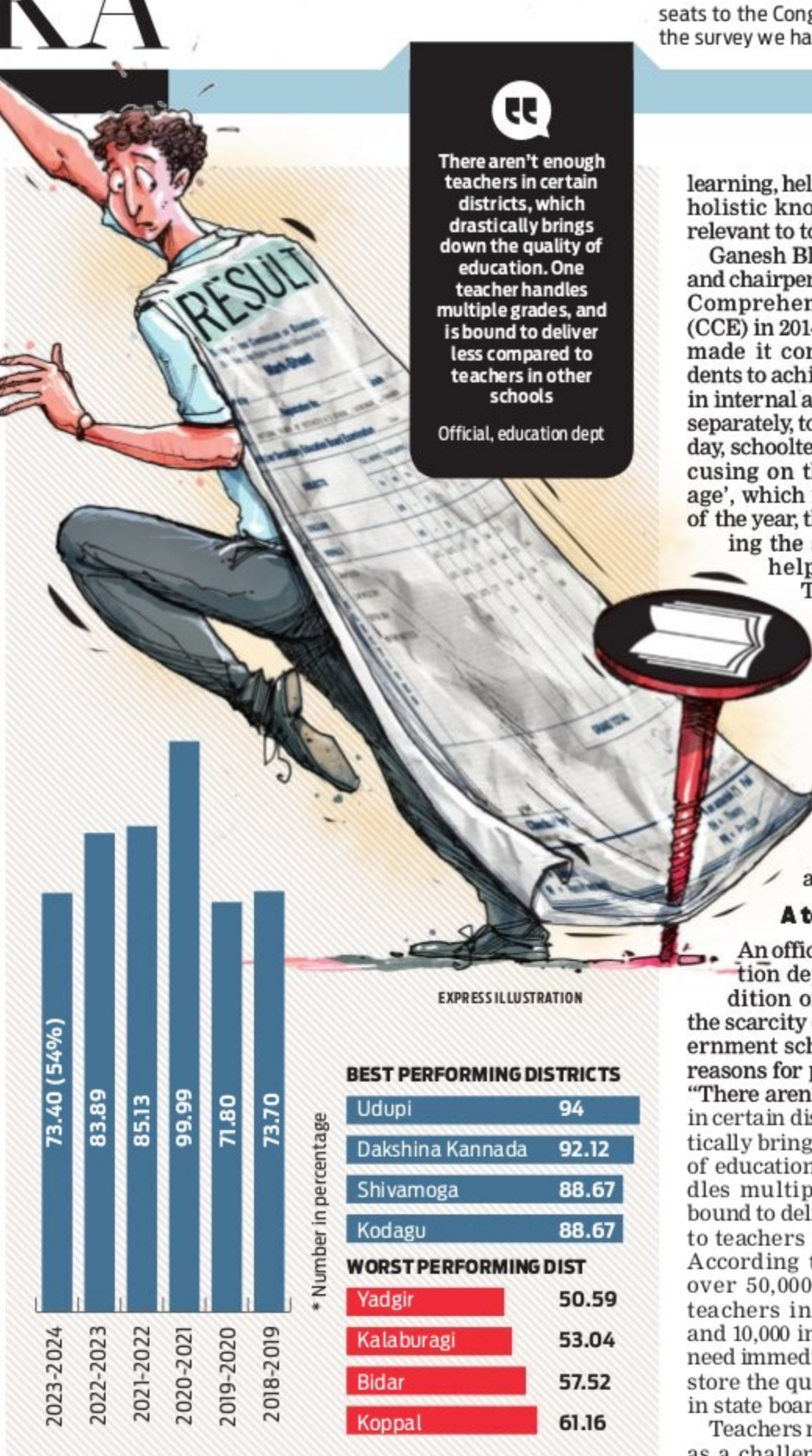
department. This year, malpractices were recorded in single digits for each paper, with two instances of mass copying.

According to officials, over 1,70,000 students were awarded grace marks, and at least 78 schools in the state had zero students passing the state boards, with Kalaburagi district recording the highest number of 18 schools with zero pass percentage.

KSEAB Chairperson Manjushree N told TNIE that only students in C+ (50-59%) and C (35-49%) grades have benefited from the grace marks, which were given to encourage them to perform better in the forthcoming exams. "As far as the total of 625 is concerned, a student needs to score at least 175 aggregate marks to qualify for grace marks. But this year, the bar was dropped to 125 marks. We saw that some students had scored 175 and above, but failed in some subjects. To help them move to the next class, grace marks were introduced. The aggregate will still be only 35 per cent. Next year, this system won't be necessary," she said.

What about other boards?

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) recorded a pass percentage of 93.60 per cent, while the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE Class 10) examination secured a pass percentage of 99.83 per cent for 2023-24. Experts have often compared the state's performance to these boards;



however, some also argue that for ICSE, the aggregate passing marks are a culmination of external and internal marks, which need to be 33 per cent in total. For CBSE, however, the

rule differs, with 33 per cent each in external and internal evaluation to be declared pass for Class 10. These boards also offer a comprehensive curriculum and unique approach to

learning, helping students build holistic knowledge and skills relevant to today's day and age.

Ganesh Bhatta, educationist and chairperson of Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in 2014, was the one who made it compulsory for students to achieve passing marks in internal and external exams separately, to pass Class 10. "Today, schoolteachers are only focusing on the 'passing package', which means at the start of the year, they are only teaching the syllabus that will help students pass. They do not impart knowledge on the conceptual understanding behind the topics, due to which students fail to perform in exams." He added that the state education system needs an overhaul.

A teacher's role

An official from the education department, on condition of anonymity, said the scarcity of teachers in government schools is one of the reasons for poor SSLC results. "There aren't enough teachers in certain districts, which drastically brings down the quality of education. One teacher handles multiple grades, and is bound to deliver less compared to teachers in other schools." According to data, there are over 50,000 vacant posts of teachers in primary schools and 10,000 in high schools that need immediate redressal to restore the quality of education in state board schools.

Teachers need to take the job as a challenge, their attitude towards the profession needs to change, which will automatically have an impact on the student's learning curve, said KR Venugopal, former principal of UVCE. "The foundation of students needs to be stressed.

Teachers' training needs an overhaul that can impart quality education. Exams are only implicit; the quality of input, passion to inspire students, and ability to always keep learning can help younger generations go a long way," he said. The educationist emphasised that in the long run, exams should be only formative, and continuous evaluation of concepts is needed.

The low grades are also seen as a result of the Covid-19 impact on education, during which students of Classes 8 and 9 were promoted due to the pandemic.

The other aspect is the quality of teachers. If one takes a look at the recently announced Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) results for the hiring of Assistant Professors in degree colleges, we can understand where the pain points for primary education lie. A total of 95,201 individuals appeared for the exam for Arts, Science, and Commerce. Only 6,675 have qualified under the set criteria.

Urban vs Rural

Though data from KSEAB shows that rural areas have performed better than urban areas in SSLC in the last three years, unaided schools score better in the overall pass percentage. In 2023-24, urban areas had an overall pass percentage of 72.83 per cent, while rural areas excelled by a 2 per cent margin at 74.17 per cent. However, 6,144 private schools under the state board secured 86.46 pass percentage, 5,906 government schools scored 72.46 per cent, and 3,606 aided schools secured 72.22 per cent. The lowest-performing category was Scheduled Tribes (ST) at 69.22 per cent after normalisation.

Kannada-medium schools in the state performed poorly with a pass percentage of 69.34, compared to 85.59 per cent in 2023. The second examination for Class 10 is scheduled between June 14 and 22.

BJP turncoats disappointed

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DEPUTY Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar, however, was unable to safeguard the interests of some aspirants, especially from the Vokkaliga community, sources said.

Yathindra has been picked for giving up the Varuna Assembly seat to his father, prior to last year's Assembly polls. The party high command, especially AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal, who had played a key role in Siddaramaiah becoming the chief minister a second time, had also committed to make Yathindra an MLC, sources added. The high command cleared Boseraju's name, taking into account his contributions to the party. Kharage loyalists and KPCC working president Vasanth Kumar, who hail from SC (Left) community and Kalaburagi District Congress Committee president Jagdev Guttedar have been selected. "Kharage strengthened the base for his son and RDPR Minister Priyank Kharage in the Kalyana Karnataka region," remarked an aspirant, who missed the chance.

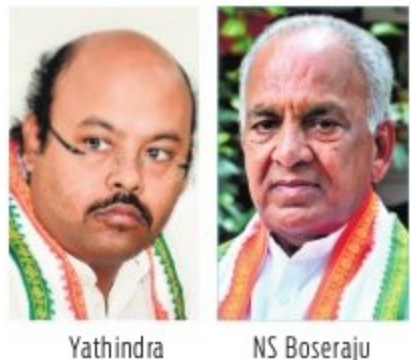
Former MLC Ivan D'Souza managed to get nominated under the minorities quota, while former chairperson of Karnataka Minorities Commission, Bilkis Bano, who hails from Shivamogga, has been selected under the women's quota.

The Grand Old Party has also announced the name of former State Youth Congress president Basanagouda Badarli, a Veerashaiva Lingayat, as its candidate for the bypoll to be held for the seat that fell vacant, following the resignation of former CM Jagadish Shettar.

Meanwhile, the selection of nominees came as a blow to many aspirants, especially former Koppal BJP MP Sanganna Karadi, former MLCs KP Nanjundi, and Tejaswini Gowda, who had quit the saffron party and joined the Congress ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. Seventy-four-year-old Karadi had expected Shettar's seat.

Besides, party loyalists VS Sudarshan, BL Shankar, VS Ugrappa, All India Youth Congress president BV Srinivas, Dr CS Dwarakanath, KPCC chief spokesperson AN Nataraj Gowda, Aishwarya Mahadev, Kavitha Reddy, Kamalakshi Rajanna, MC Venugopal, SA Hussain, Dr BC Muddugangadhar, Basavaraju, and KPCC Women's Wing president Dr Pushpa Amarnath, among others, were also left disappointed. There were about 300 aspirants, of whom Shivakumar shortlisted 60, to present before the high command, which took the final call after consulting senior leader Rahul Gandhi.

The party can win seven out of 11 seats that go to the polls on June 13, and the last day for filing nominations is Monday.



Yathindra NS Boseraju

GOVINDARAJU'S THIRD STINT

CM Siddaramaiah's political secretary K Govindaraju's entry into the Upper House for a third consecutive term has raised many eyebrows. A few had predicted that he may miss the bus this time. But his loyalty to the party and contributions to the sports arena seem to have paid off, convincing the high command regarding his candidature, sources said. He is the only Vokkaliga among the seven nominees. It is, however, to be seen if he will be inducted in the Siddaramaiah cabinet in the event of any reshuffle after the Lok Sabha polls, they added.



Mallikarjun Kharage strengthened the base for his son and RDPR Minister Priyank Kharage in the Kalyana Karnataka region

Aspirant who missed out

Madhuswamy, Sumalatha not in

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PARTY workers gave Ravi a rousing welcome in Chikkamagaluru on Sunday.

For N Ravikumar, loyalty paid off as he is entering the Council for a second term. He has the backing of most of the leaders within the BJP and also RSS.

The high command chose Muley to give representation to the Maratha community in Karnataka. He held the first Maratha Development Corporation chairperson's post during Basavaraj Bommai's tenure as chief minister in the previous BJP government. Earlier, Muley was with Congress, and in 1999, he won from Basavakalyan assembly constituency as a JDS nominee.

Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh, whose name was in the reckoning as BJP nominee for the MLC polls, missed the ticket. Many aspirants, including Prof Ma Nagaraj, a Kuruba, women's wing leaders Malavika Avinash, Manjula, Geetha Vivekananda and others were also disappointed, sources said.

Former minister J C Madhuswamy, another aspirant, was denied the MLC ticket as he did not pay heed to the party high command in the LS polls and went against party candidate V Somanna in Tumakuru. Leaders from Tumakuru, including district president Ravishankar, MLAs B Suresh Gowda and G B Jyothiganesh had openly opposed Madhuswamy's candidature, and petitioned the party bosses.

Sources said former CM BS Yediyurappa pushed hard for Madhuswamy's nomination, but the high command refused. Considering Prime Minister Narendra Modi's emphasis on OBCs in the LS election campaign, the high command kept the focus on empowering the OBC community and chose two of three OBC candidates for nomination.

SIT HUNTS FOR BHAVANI REVANNA IN KIDNAP CASE

ON THE RUN

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THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) conducted extensive searches across the state, including Bengaluru and Ramnagar, to locate **Bhavani Revanna**, wife of Holenarasipura MLA HD Revanna and mother of Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, in connection with a kidnap case.

The SIT had issued notice to Bhavani asking her to be present at home on June 1, to question her in connection with the kidnap case registered at KR Nagar police station of Mysuru district. When the SIT team reached Bhavani's residence - Chennambika Nilaya - at Holenarasipura in Hassan district, she was not present. The team also visited KR Nagar, Saligrama, her native village, and Hunsur looking for her.

The team visited Saligrama

as Bhavani had gone there after the demise of her brother and KR Nagar as there were reports that she had visited her relatives. But SIT officials had to return empty handed.

Home Minister G Parameshwara confirmed that a search is on to arrest Bhavani, who has been evading authorities. "She is hiding somewhere and will be arrested soon," he added.

While the SIT constituted teams to trace Bhavani's whereabouts, her lawyers claimed that although they did not know where she was, Bhavani has communicated that she will appear for investigation soon and is recovering from a knee surgery.

Meanwhile, SIT continued its investigation into the alleged sexual assault case involving Prajwal. Sources told TNIE that the MP has not been cooperating and has been giving evasive replies.



Mattresses seized

Sources from SIT revealed that they have seized mattresses

from the crime scenes. "Even though the case dates back to four years, the team is collecting all circumstantial physical evidence to ensure Prajwal is not ruled out as a suspect," an official said and added that as he is not seen in any of the videos that were leaked, only the belongings within the premises can be linked and proven as one of the evidences. Various articles seen in the leaked videos have been seized from the crime scene to establish a connection between the case and the suspect. Currently, the case lacks strong evidence aside from the victim's statement. Therefore, these circumstantial pieces of evidence will strengthen the case, the official added.

Bilkis Bano, old Cong hand & Siddu pick

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WITH a certain Bilkis Bano figuring in the list of Congress nominees, the question on everyone's mind is: Who on earth is she?

For the uninitiated, Bilkis Bano has no connection to Gujarat. She is a KPCC general secretary from Bhadravathi in Shivamogga, who once used to work closely with the Janata Parivar and has known Chief Minister Siddaramaiah from those days.

Sources said she is Siddaramaiah's candidate while his son Yathindra, who sacrificed his Varuna seat for his father, is

the high command nominee.

Other Siddaramaiah MLC nominees are minister NS Boseraju and K Govindraj. Vasanth Kumar and Basanagouda Badarli are AICC president Mallikarjun Kharage's candidates while Ivan D'souza is said to be Krishna Byre Gowda's man although he is said to be close to Siddaramaiah too.

It was a surprise that Deputy CM DK Shivakumar's two nominees, Vijay Mulgund, who was also raided due to his closeness to the KPCC chief, and Vinay Karthik, who is an office bearer in the KPCC, did not make it to the final list.

The 10 Congress MLAs nec-

essary for nomination of Bilkis Bano signed on her nomination and the proposer and seconders will be on Monday.

Sources said Bilkis Bano is respected as a loyal party worker. She is quite close to Bhadravathi MLA Sangamesh for whom she campaigned vigorously and personally led the canvassing in 2023. She has served formerly as the chairman of the Minorities Development Corporation during the previous tenure of Siddaramaiah as CM for about 18 months.

When TNIE tried to reach her on Sunday evening, all three of her numbers were either switched off or not reachable.



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah arrives for the Congress Legislature Party meeting amid heavy rain in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJ GADEKAL

want." He instructed his party-men to remain around counting centres till the final numbers come in since the election commission has said they cannot enter the premises.

Meanwhile, seven sets of nomination papers were signed by 10 MLAs each and the CLP will meet on Monday where

proposers and seconders for the MLC election will be decided. Following the heavy rains, city MLAs M Krishnappa left early, while NA Harris and others took permission to stay away to attend to work related to rain damage. Minister Eshwar Khandre took permission to stay away too.

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ODISHA			
India Today-Axis My India	BJP 62-80	BJD 62-80	Cong 5-8
Jan Ki Baat	BJP 58 (+/-14)	BJD 81 (+/-12)	Cong 8 (+/-2)

ANTI-INCUMBENCY WARNING BELLS IN ANDHRA, ODISHA

Exit polls indicate power shift in AP, hung assembly in Odisha

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IF exit poll verdicts are anything to go by, anti-incumbency is hemorrhaging the ruling parties in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha in the assembly elections.

In Andhra, the ruling YSR Congress appears to be on a slippery slope. Most pollsters predict the wresting of power by the TDP-led alliance, which includes the BJP and actor Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party.

India Today-Axis My India's exit poll projected the TDP-BJP-JSP win with 98-120 seats as against the YSRC's 55-77 seats. It also predicted that the TDP would emerge as the single largest party in the state with 78 to 96 seats.

Andhra has a total of 175 Assembly seats and the halfway mark is 88. People's Pulse gave YSRC 45-60 seats and the TDP alliance 111-135. On the other hand, Hyderabad-based AARAA's exit poll predicted

that the YSRC would retain power with 94-104 seats. Likewise, Partha Das' Chanakya.com projected that the YSRC was comfortable at 110-120 and the TDP alliance at 55-65 seats. Times Now ETG, too, gave the YSRC 117-125 seats.

As for Odisha, the exit poll by India Today-Axis My India released on Sunday suggested both the BJD and the BJP would get seats in the range of 62-80. The poll predicted 42% vote share for both the parties. It could mean a hung assembly and indicates either party is capable of a simple majority.

While the projections are a big jump for the BJP, the ruling BJD may be in for a shock. The Congress may bag 5-8 seats.

As for vote share, it predicted 42% for both the BJP and the BJD with 10% accretion for the BJP and 3% slide for the BJD. The grand old party's vote share was projected as 12%, a 4% drop. Similarly, Jan Ki Baat predicted the BJP's tally as 58, BJD 81 and Congress 8.

Belagavi airport records big growth, Hubballi sees few flyers

DOWNWARD TREND

Kalaburagi saw just **2,645** flyers and Mysuru **7,156** flyers -- a drop of **43.6%** and **44%** respectively in April this year, compared to last year.

Hubballi dipped by **25.5%** and recorded **23,488** flyers, versus **31,539** last year

Shivamogga continues to grow steadily, with **7,291** passengers this April. It had recorded just **85** passengers in April 2023 when the airport was opened

CLOCKING growth of 64.1% in April 2024 over the corresponding month in the previous year, Belagavi airport has registered an impressive growth in air passenger traffic. Bengaluru and Mangaluru recorded positive growth, while patronage in Hubballi, Kalaburagi and Mysuru airports has plummeted, reveals the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

The monthly Air Traffic Report of AAI shows overall passenger growth of 6 per cent in the country, with 32.39 million flyers in April 2024, as compared to 30.56 million in April 2023. Indians opting to fly abroad are driving growth with a 16.8 per cent surge in international travel, at 5.87 million this April versus 5.03 million the same month last year.

Belagavi airport recorded 31,060 flyers in April this year, as compared to just 18,922 the same month last year. On the huge jump, Belagavi airport Director S Thiagarajan told TNIE, "There are two key reasons for it. Indigo's daily operations along the Belagavi-Delhi route launched in October 2023 gave us a big boost. It is running with 70% average occupancy. The addition of StarAir's Embraer 175 aircraft, which has 80 seats on its Mumbai route, to its fleet of Embraer 145 aircraft which had only 50 seats, is another key driver of passenger traffic here. Patronage is set to surge in the months to come," he told TNIE.

Mangaluru has seen the second biggest growth in flyers with 1,91,026 flyers in April, compared to 1,42,995 last year -- an upward growth of 33.6 per cent. Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport continues its steady pace, recording 6.7% growth with 34,21,997 flyers in April this year, versus 32,06,356 in April last year. International passenger traffic from Bengaluru has shot up by 23.7%, with 4,28,649 in April this year versus 3,46,467 in the corresponding month in 2023.



Sub-standard quality of grain powder and milk powder supplied to anganwadis

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THE substandard quality of food being supplied and cooked at anganwadi centres for the past six months has left both children and pregnant women dissatisfied, putting a question mark on the government's drive to prevent malnutrition among children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. Earlier, nutritious food such as green gram payasa, peanut chikki, boiled egg, rice-sambar, and upma, were being served.

Heatstroke: 45 more deaths in Odisha

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THE suspected sunstroke death toll in Odisha stood at 141 on Sunday with the state recording 45 more fatalities in the last 24 hours. As the state continued to bear the brunt of the blistering conditions, western districts remained the epicentre.

According to the Special Relief Commissioner's (SRC) office, a total of 99 suspected heatstroke deaths were reported in the last 72 years. Of the total suspected heatstroke deaths in the last three days, 20 cases have been confirmed by collectors of various districts basing on post-mortem and

joint inquiry reports, while it was ascertained two cases were not due to sunstroke.

"During this summer, reports of 141 alleged sunstroke deaths have been reported by various district collectors. So far, 26 deaths have been confirmed due to sunstroke and eight are caused by other reasons," said the SRC's office. Around 107 alleged cases are pending inquiry at the district level.

Meanwhile, met office said heatwave is likely to persist in Odisha for two more days. Heatwave condition is expected to occur in parts of Bargarh, Balangir, Kalahandi,

Nuapada and Sonepur districts on Monday.

Similarly, heatwave is likely to prevail in Bargarh, Balangir, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Sonepur and Sambalpur districts on Tuesday. Slight relief is expected from Wednesday onwards as the met office has not forecast heatwave condition in the state for the subsequent four days. However, hot and humid weather is expected to prevail in a few districts on Wednesday and Thursday.

As suspected sunstroke deaths have witnessed an alarming rise in the last three days, the met office cautioned that heat is a health concern



AP farmers welcome Southwest monsoon

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SOUTHWEST monsoon has entered Andhra Pradesh as parts of the Rayalaseema region receive rain on Sunday, bringing smiles to the faces of the farmers.

The onset of the Southwest monsoons this year was a couple of days before the usual date of June 4. India Meteorological Department (IMD) in its Long Range Forecast (LRF) of the Southwest monsoons has predicted it to be above normal in Andhra Pradesh.

According to IMD, conditions are favourable for further advancement of the Southwest monsoon in some



Tree falls on an electricity pole at Amalapuram, as the district receives heavy rain on Sunday.

more parts of the central Arabian Sea, Karnataka, Rayalaseema, and Coastal Andhra Pradesh, and also some parts of West-central and Northwest Bay of Bengal over the next 2-3 days.

Chittoor, Konaseema, parts



SCHOOL BELL RINGS

Parents and children shop for last-minute school essentials in Chennai, as schools are set to reopen after the summer vacation | MARTIN LOUIS

CET: 3,000 students yet to get their results

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER the Common Entrance Test (CET) results were announced without a prior notification, many students and parents have gone into a tizzy. Some students have even complained of missing results, while some are questioning the authority's move to release the results in a haste. The newly appointed Executive Director of Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA), H Prasanna on Sunday said, "Due to the

model code of conduct still in effect, we could not hold a press conference before releasing the results. However, going forward, this will not be repeated."

He also added that over the results of over 3,000 students' have not been released, as their marks for II PUC examination were not reflected due to discrepancies. "The unique number given in the PUC was wrongly entered by some students, while applying for CET

exams, and due to this, their ranks were not published. Candidates will be allowed to make corrections in their applications, and their ranks will be released subsequently."

Students can enter their correct details in the KEA portal, and update the proof of date of birth, to get their CET results. A total of 3,10,314 students are eligible for CET ranks this year. KEA said that the counselling will begin only after the UG NEET

results, which is expected after June 14.

Prasanna emphasised that this year, the document verification process has been digitised.

Dismissing rumours, the ED said that the government quotas will be allotted through KEA only. "The seat matrix of the current year is yet to be updated by the government, given many have applied for AIT-CE's approval for the addition of seats and courses. The fees fixed for government seats will also be announced soon, said officials," he said.



Child trafficking: 3 women held

Hyderabad: The Medipally police have taken custody of three women accused in a high-profile child trafficking case. The cops will look to uncover the network operating from Delhi and Pune, and to identify the biological parents of the rescued children, sources said. A police officer involved in the investigation confirmed that the rescued children are stable, and they are being well cared for in shelter homes.

Minor crashes bike, parents booked

Madikeri: Parents of a minor boy who was involved in a road accident have been booked, as their son killed a biker on Kushalnagar road, recently. On May 31, 22-yr-old Shivashankar, a resident of Chikkaturu died after his bike collided with a speeding tractor. Police booked the parent s, Tulasi and Paramesh under IPC 279, 304. Meanwhile, sources confirmed that the minor was involved in another case of road accident nearly a year ago.



Elephant cross the road near Siddapura | EXPRESS

3 RRT staff hurt in jumbo attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri

THREE foresters involved in an elephant chase mission were injured while carrying out the operation, as they were attacked by the matriarchal leader of the herd. One sustained severe injuries, while two others suffered from minor ones.

The incident was reported at Engilageri village near Siddapura. Over 15 wild elephants were camping inside a private estate owned by M Praveen Bopaiah. The forest department was alerted and

they were chasing the elephants back to the forest.

However, the enraged matriarchal leader of the elephant herd attacked the foresters during this chase. Foresters, Murugan and Vinod were attacked by the elephant leader, and the estate owner Praveen tried to stop the attack. However, Murugan's legs were severely injured. He is being treated at the District Hospital in Madikeri.

Praveen urged the forest department to capture and relocate the wild elephants that are in conflict with the humans.

Poor quality food leaves bad taste in kids' mouths

The food was good as the quality of foodgrains was good, and children liked the menu.

However, the menu for the children changed in January. According to the officials of the Department of Women and Child Welfare, rice-sambar is served for three days while upma (uppi) is served for three days in a week. 'Pushiti,' the nutri-mix powder and millet laddu, are served in the morning.

The officials further claimed that eggs and milk powder was being provided.

But the children are being served only rice, sambar and upma. Eggs and milk powder don't reach the anganwadis regularly. Recently, milk powder supplied to anganwadis in Athani taluk was found to have been expired.

According to the old policy, a committee led by Deputy Commissioner of respective districts was inviting tenders to supply food products in their respective region.

Thus, organic jaggery, green gram, peanuts and other grains were being procured in Bela-

gavi to prepare the food.

Uniform menu

However, as per the new policy, a uniform menu for children is being followed in the entire state and the ration is being supplied from a single agency from Andhra Pradesh.

There are a lot of allegations that the grains, jaggery and other ration items supplied to the anganwadi centres are of a sub-standard quality and children were refusing to eat food prepared using these grains.

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TRUMP'S CONVICTION HAS LESSONS FOR OTHER DEMOCRACIES

A former US president's criminal conviction by a jury of common citizens sends up a bright flare for accountability. Former state leaders have been handed guilty verdicts in at least half-a-dozen nations over the past decade, including Pakistan and Myanmar. But the global gasp at Donald Trump's conviction was of people letting it sink in that someone once considered the most powerful person in the world could be brought to book. That too in a justice system often accused of favouring pale males gliding around in gilded halls.

The presumption of innocence holds till all chances of appeal have been exhausted, which can take several months for a litigious billionaire with a battery of lawyers. The sleaze underlying this New York case was spilt long back. The felony charge was for subversion of democratic process—paying hush money to muzzle a potentially damaging exposé before a poll. The state attorney's win on that count is a reprieve in the international court of public opinion for a nation in need of one right now.

Whether the verdict will mean accountability in public life will first depend on the Republican party that is yet to formally nominate him and US adults who vote in November. Trump's scorched earth policy against detractors has ensured that a thick red line has already fallen in behind him. Legally, the 77-year-old can still run for president, though ironically he may barely be able to vote because his home state of Florida bars felons from exercising the franchise, with a loophole for those not charged in the state. Given the growing share of Americans unhappy with a rematch between the presumptive nominees, countrywide electoral intent is torn in irresolute halves. One measure of the polarisation is in Trump's claim to have raised more than \$50 million right after the verdict.

There are two lessons for the rest of the world from the sordid saga. Strong institutional frameworks can withstand even the crudest assaults on democracy. It's important to remind every generation that no one is above the law in a republic. And weakened institutions can bend established facts as pliable political putty. Which lesson nations choose to take to heart will decide the course of democracy in this global year of elections.

SOLVE EMBLEM DEBATE DEMOCRATICALLY

TELANGANA and Andhra Pradesh crossed a milestone on Sunday with Hyderabad ceasing to be the common capital of both as per the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. But it is just a technicality since Andhra shifted its government apparatus from Hyderabad soon after division of the state in 2014. It is a different matter whether Andhra will eventually develop Amaravati as its capital city or go with the three-capital formula. It will all depend on the outcome of the assembly elections.

In Telangana, which celebrated its 10th formation day, a somewhat different issue is grabbing the headlines amid the feverish speculation over the Lok Sabha election results. The Revanth Reddy government has proposed to redesign the State Emblem and came up with a State Song, which was set to tune by Oscar winning music director M M Keeravani. Though there were murmurs of dissent over having an "Andhra" music director as its composer, it was adopted and played on Sunday on the occasion of the formation day celebrations. In our view, it is unfair to tag Keeravani, the music maestro as belonging to a region. He's a source of pride for the nation. Telangana, which is a modern, thriving, inclusive state, is proud of its rich heritage and Keeravani's music to the inspirational song is an ode in itself to the people who fought selflessly for the cause of Telangana. The debate over the proposed emblem, however, is generating serious debate. The present one, which was designed after division of the state, has the historic Kakatiya Thoranam and Charminar representing the culture and history of Telangana. PCC president and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has for long been opposed to it. His reasoning is that it doesn't reflect the movement that gave birth to the state. There is definitely logic in his argument. On the other hand, as BRS leaders point out, the present emblem encapsulates the rich heritage of the state. The question is whether it should be changed as per the wishes of the chief minister.

First, in a functioning democracy, it can be changed with the approval of the people—represented by the elected legislators. By the same yardstick, five years later, the successor may also want to amend it. What then? In such matters, it is pertinent to discuss and debate before arriving at a decision. The state government has rightly decided to do the same in the next assembly session. It should try to achieve a consensus which is key to a vibrant democracy.

QUICK TAKE

ELECTIONS WITH A DIFFERENCE

ON Sunday, the ruling parties in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh—Sikkim Krantikari Morcha and BJP—were declared winners with absolute majorities in the state assemblies. Some of us may think that polls in these sparsely populated states with few Lok Sabha seats are of relatively low national significance. But unlike in other states, the importance of these polls is that the state borders to the north mark the boundary between democracy and autocracy. So they are of immense local and international significance. The fact that the people on this side—many of them with historical ties to the other side—can choose their representatives makes a difference, however imperfect our democracy is.

ON May 28, President Ranil Wickremesinghe let the cat out of the bag. As political tensions increase and the demand for elections spike, the general secretary of the United National Party (UNP)—a party that has recorded successive defeats and now stands decimated under Wickremesinghe's leadership—has proposed the postponement of both presidential and parliamentary elections by two years through a referendum, effectively permitting Wickremesinghe to continue as president to "implement economic reforms".

This call may resonate with a section of Sri Lanka's middle class, content with the absence of queues for food and fuel with no power cuts—a fake normalcy concealing the painful reality of a nation overwhelmed by external debt. Interestingly, the postponement call is an indirect acceptance by Wickremesinghe of his inability to obtain a popular mandate, no matter what his economy-fixing mantra is. People remain unconvinced of both his leadership and the economic reforms formula, primarily a prescription from the International Monetary Fund. Experts critique that without new industries and exports, privatisation and accumulation of debt to service existing debt cannot fix the island's ailing economy. In short, being wedded to the current reforms offers no guarantee of economic recovery.

The current privatisation spree does not win public trust either. The process is so opaque and lacking basic transparency that people learn about development projects or "investments" often through the media. They also fear their island home has been turned into a veritable battleground, with competing powers—the United States, China and India—all staking claims. Adding to this is intense India watching, with trepidation and mistrust, as the country learns about new projects, be it green wind or railways. The same middle class that wants to place its trust in Wickremesinghe finds it impossible to write that blank cheque for the fear of the unknown future.

Back to the question of the haste to postpone polls. Sri Lanka is expected to hold both parliamentary and presidential elections in the latter part of 2024. Then there is that distasteful political history around referendums and extensions of terms. One of Sri Lanka's most dubious electoral experiments was in 1982 when Wickremesinghe's uncle, Sri Lanka's first executive president, Junius Richard Jayewardene, extended the life of parliament using the same mechanism. Unlike Wickremesing-

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SRI LANKA'S STRUGGLE WITH ELECTION PHOBIA

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he, Jayewardene in his second term was still a popular leader. During the infamous referendum held in December 1982, nearly 71% cast their vote, with 54% voting in favour of extending the life of parliament. In September 1982, Jayewardene had secured 52% of the total vote to serve a second term even though the fairness of this election remains contentious.

So, to have the UNP General Secretary Palitha Range Bandara suggest a dubious repeat comes as no surprise, with its ill-concealed political intentions behind the cloak of economic reforms. He audaciously said: "If not for five years, at least for two years," and called for support from the National People's Power and the Samagi Jana Balawegaya, the two most popular political outfits at present.

What is striking is the absence of respect for public acceptance and his justifications to roll up the electoral map. First, it is democratic if it involves the passing of a resolution in parliament followed by a referendum. Second, it is necessary to continue current economic reforms. Third, it is futile to waste public funds on elections at a financially critical time. Fourth, Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike also postponed elections in the 1970s. The first he did not mention, and that was the 1982 referendum that remains a permanent black mark on the UNP's political legacy.

There is no denying that Sri Lanka needs an urgent recovery plan. It is not just economic, but deeply political. The level of external debt is also a question of financial discipline and governance, and

THE ROLE OF VARANASI IN EXALTING GANGA'S IDENTITY

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FAITHLINE



sesame seeds and fire in flint, so your Lord lies within you, awaken Him if you can).

The Sikh Gurus greatly cherished Varanasi. Guru Nanak came here in 1506, went to the then Kashi Vishwanath temple, met with pandits to discuss his views and collected verses of Kabir and other local saint-composers. The sixth Guru, Guru Har Gobind, sent an emissary to spread his teachings. The ninth Guru, 'Chadar-e-Hind' Guru Tegh Bahadur, who gave his life in



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1675 to protect religious freedom of Hindus, visited Kashi twice. His son, Gobind Rai, when barely six, came by with his mother on a journey across north India, and as Guru Gobind Singh, the Tenth Guru, sent five followers to learn Sanskrit and get higher learning before sending them as emissaries of the reformist Sikh faith.

In 1839, Maharaja Ranjit Singh covered the spire of the new Kashi Vishwanath temple with gold. This is the present structure, rebuilt in 1780 by Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar of Indore. The Maharajas of Nabha and Kapurthala donated towards the founding of a Sanskrit College in 1911 and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, founder of Banaras Hindu University, reportedly went in person to invite a greatly respected Sikh saint, Sant Attar Singh, to inaugurate it.

The Guru Granth Sahib includes verses composed by 15th century Saint Ramananda of Varanasi, an ardent follower of the inclusive Sri Vaishnava faith spread by Sri Ramanuja of Tamil Nadu. Ramananda himself was Kabir's chosen spiritual preceptor; both Ramanandi and Kabir Panthi cults cut a wide swathe across north India.

Swami Dayanand Saraswati, founder of the Arya Samaj, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda showed up on Kashi's ghats as a matter of course on their respective reformist missions in the 19th century. An intricate web of connections thus emanated from Kashi, weaving a warp and woof of spiritual sensibility over the Indian subcontinent across centuries and regions—a richly-textured weave of thought that included strands of both classical Hinduism and the reformist worldviews spun from deeply internalised values of Upanishadic philosophy.

While rejecting the ritualised classical approach to religion, such seminal Indian socio-cultural reformers upheld the inclusive philosophical core of Hinduism and its meditation, music and poetry. They honoured the centrality of Varanasi's symbolic importance in the collective consciousness, in which the spiritual and temporal interfaced through the Ganga's ghats. These physical steps to the physical water stayed the key metaphor for the journey of the soul towards its spiritual goal, in which 'Hari', 'Shiva', 'Sain' and 'Tat' ('That', the nameless and formless) often became interchangeable terms for the transcendental.

Varanasi was the cultural crucible for a spectacular range of 'change within continuity' and was both the place of and participant in these foundational narratives. These historical figures were drawn to Varanasi by millennia of mystique invested through the river of pilgrim life. That's why almost every community and religious sect is represented in Kashi by its own temple, rest house and community hall. Every believer is supposed to make a pilgrimage to Kashi at least once and is likely to make their own emotional pact with this timeless river.

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Self regulations

Ref: *Redefining Brahmacharya for a new age* (Jun 2). The author has covered a plethora of ills plaguing the present generation, especially the excessive use of mobiles and social media. As the author suggests, self regulation plus setting up standards as a family will go a long way to help.

R Sriamprasad, email

Acquiring knowledge

Brahmacharya is not only about celibacy and leading an austere life. The major focus is on learning and acquiring spiritual knowledge from gurus. Devoid of luxuries and materialistic pursuits, this is a period of deep study of scriptures to develop a spiritualistic bent of mind. Right habits, discipline and mental strength will certainly wean them away from the temptations of modern life.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Returned gold

Ref: *An agenda for new parliament to propel prosperity* (Jun 2) After nearly 33 years, the country is able to get back gold pledged with the Bank of England in 1991 to overcome the balance of payments crisis. Presently, the nation is sitting pretty on a pile of foreign reserves. Hope the new parliament works with a definite agenda towards making India the world's third largest economy.

SK Ramesh, Ballari

No rationale

Ref: *Poll predicts exit of INDIA challenge, 3rd Modi term* (Jun 2). The exit poll prediction, giving a clean sweep to the BJP-led NDA, did not come as a surprise. This is because the INDIA Alliance was formed with a view to topple the government at the Centre, with no rationale except to show hate toward PM Narendra Modi.

KV Raghuram, Wayanad

Third term

According to exit polls from several media outlets and political analysts, it undoubtedly seems the BJP will secure a third consecutive term. Hopefully, the BJP will focus on addressing key issues predominantly affecting the nation's socio-economic development this term.

Bishal Kumar Sahal, email

Voters' dedication

The current polls highlighted the dedication of the Indian voter, who braved harsh conditions over three months to cast ballots, maintaining democratic integrity. Diverse in caste, religion and gender, voters showed unity despite differences. Notably, women's electoral influence has grown. With 968.8 million voters, India's democratic commitment remains exemplary and inspiring globally.

Badruddeen Mudi gere, Chikmagalur



The architecture of the (Shankaracharya) temple (in Sinaagar) is a blend of Hindu and Kashmiri styles and is a testimony to the rich cultural heritage of the region.



Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Perhaps Narendra Modi and many of those applauding his visit to Vivekananda Rock would benefit from a refresher course on the teachings of the great sage? It might change them for the better.



Dr. Raja @ComradeDRaja
If people should go by exit polls, then there's no need of counting. Actual verdict will be known only after counting on June 4. Let us wait for that.

KASHMIR TO KANNIYAKUMARI IS OUR COMMON IDENTITY

New pledges taken during the meditation at Vivekananda Rock



NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

MY fellow Indians, The biggest festival of democracy, the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections, are concluding today in our nation, the Mother of Democracy. After a three-day spiritual journey in Kanniyakumari, I have just boarded the plane for Delhi. Through the day, Kashi and numerous other seats have been in the midst of voting.

My mind is filled with so many experiences and emotions... I feel a boundless flow of energy within myself. The 2024 Lok Sabha elections are the first in the Amrit Kaal. I began my campaign a few months ago from Meerut, the land of the First War of Independence of 1857. Since then, I have traversed across the length and breadth of our great nation. The final rally of these elections took me to Hoshiarpur in Punjab, the land of the great Gurus and a land associated with Sant Ravidas Ji. After that, I came to Kanniyakumari, at the feet of Maa Bharti.

It is natural that the fervour of the elections was echoing in my heart and mind. The multitude of faces seen in rallies and road shows came in front of my eyes. The blessings from our Nari Shakti... the trust, the affection, all of this was a very humbling experience. My eyes were getting moist... I entered into a 'sadhana' (meditative state). And then, the heated political debates, the attacks and counter-attacks, the voices and

words of accusations which are so characteristic of an election... they all vanished into a void. A sense of detachment came to grow within me... my mind became completely detached from the external world.

Meditation becomes challenging amidst such huge responsibilities, but the land of Kanniyakumari and the inspiration of Swami Vivekananda made it effortless. As a candidate myself, I left my campaign in the hands of my beloved people of Kashi and came here.

I am also grateful to God for instilling me with these values from birth, which I have cherished and tried to live up to. I was also thinking about what Swami Vivekananda must have experienced during his meditation at this very place in Kanniyakumari! A part of my meditation was spent in a similar stream of thoughts.

Amidst this detachment, amidst the peace and silence, my mind was constantly thinking about the bright future of Bharat, the goals of Bharat. The rising sun at Kanniyakumari gave new heights to my thoughts, the vastness of the ocean expanded my ideas, and the expanse of the horizon continuously made me realise the unity, the Oneness, embedded in the depths of the universe. It seemed as if the observations and experiences undertaken in the lap of the Himalayas decades ago were being revived.

Friends, Kanniyakumari has always been very close to my heart. The Vivekananda Rock Memorial in Kanniyakumari was built under the leadership of Shri Eknath Ranade ji. I had the opportunity to travel extensively with Eknath ji. During the construction of this

memorial, I had the opportunity to spend some time in Kanniyakumari as well.

From Kashmir to Kanniyakumari... this is a common identity that is deeply ingrained in the heart of every citizen of the country. This is the 'Shakti Peeth' (seat of Shakti) where Maa Shakti incarnated as Kanyakumari. At this southern tip, Maa Shakti performed penance and waited for Bhagwan Shiva, who was residing in the Himalayas at the northernmost parts of Bharat.

Kanniyakumari is the land of confluences. The sacred rivers of our country flow into different seas, and here, those very seas converge. And here, we witness another great confluence — the ideological confluence of Bharat! Here, we find the Vivekananda Rock Memorial, a grand statue of Saint Thiruvalluvar, Gandhi Mandapam, and Kamarajar Mani Mandapam. These streams of thought from these stalwarts converge here to form a confluence of national thought. This gives rise to great inspirations for nation-building. This land of Kanniyakumari gives an indelible message of unity, especially to any person who doubts Bharat's nationhood and the sense of unity.

The grand statue of Saint Thiruvalluvar in Kanniyakumari seems to be looking at the expanse of Maa Bharati from the sea. His work Thirukkural is one of the crown jewels of the beautiful Tamil language. It covers every aspect of life, inspiring us to give our best for ourselves and for the nation. It was my great fortune to pay my respects to such a great figure.

Friends, Swami Vivekananda once said, 'Every nation has a message to deliver, a mission to fulfil, a destiny to reach.'

For thousands of years, Bharat has been moving forward with this sense of meaningful purpose. Bharat has been a cradle of ideas for thousands of years. We have never considered what we have acquired as our personal wealth or measured it purely by economic or material parameters. Therefore, 'Idam-na-mama' (this is not mine) has become an inherent and natural part of the character of Bharat.

Bharat's welfare benefits our planet's journey to progress as well. Take the freedom movement as an example. Bharat gained independence on August 15, 1947. At that time, many countries around the world

spired the world by prioritising individuals standing at the last rung of society. Bharat's Digital India campaign is now an example for the entire world, showing how we can use technology to empower the poor, bring transparency, and ensure their rights. Inexpensive data in Bharat is becoming a means of social equality by ensuring the reach of information and services to the poor. The whole world is witnessing and studying the democratization of technology, and major global institutions are advising many countries to adopt elements from our model.

Today, Bharat's progress and rise are not just a significant op-

AMIDST THE PEACE AND SILENCE, MY MIND WAS THINKING ABOUT BHARAT. THE RISING SUN GAVE NEW HEIGHTS TO MY THOUGHTS, THE VASTNESS OF THE OCEAN EXPANDED MY IDEAS, AND THE EXPANSE OF THE HORIZON MADE ME REALISE THE UNITY EMBEDDED IN THE DEPTHS OF UNIVERSE.

portunity for Bharat alone, but also a historic opportunity for all our partner countries around the world. Since the success of the G20, the world has been increasingly envisioning a bigger role for Bharat. Today, Bharat is being acknowledged as a strong and important voice of the Global South. The African Union has become a part of the G20 group at the initiative of Bharat. This is going to be a crucial turning point for the future of African countries.

Friends, The development trajectory of Bharat fills us with pride and glory, but at the same time, it also reminds the 140 crore citizens of their responsibilities. Now, without wasting a single moment, we must step forward towards greater duties and larger goals. We need to have new dreams, convert them into reality and begin living them.

We must see Bharat's development in a global context, and for this, it is essential that we understand Bharat's internal capabilities. We must acknowledge Bharat's strengths, nurture them, and utilise them for the benefit of the world. In today's global scenario, Bharat's strength as a youthful nation is an opportunity from which we must not look back.

The world of the 21st century is looking towards Bharat with many hopes. And we will need to make several changes to move forward in the global scenario. We also need to change our traditional thinking regarding reform. Bharat cannot limit reform to just economic reforms. We must move forward in every aspect of life towards the direction of reform. Our reforms should also align with the aspirations of a 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) by 2047.

We must understand that reform can never be a unidimensional process for any country. So, I have laid out the vision of reform, perform, and transform for the country. The responsibility of reform lies with leadership. Based on that, our bureaucracy performs, and when the people join in with the spirit of Jan Bhagidari, we see a transformation taking place.

We must make excellence the fundamental principle to make our country a 'Viksit Bharat'. We need to work quickly in all four directions: Speed, Scale, Scope, and Standards. Alongside manufacturing, we must also focus on quality and adhere to the mantra of 'zero defect-zero effect'.

Friends, We should take pride in every moment that God has blessed us with birth in the land of Bharat. God has chosen us to serve Bharat and fulfil our role in our

country's journey towards excellence.

We must redefine our heritage in a modern way while embracing ancient values in a modern context.

As a nation, we also need to reassess outdated thinking and beliefs. We need to free our society from the pressure of professional pessimists. We must remember that freedom from negativity is the first step towards achieving success. Success blossoms in the lap of positivity.

My faith, devotion, and belief in the infinite and eternal power of Bharat are growing day by day. Over the past 10 years, I have seen this capability of Bharat grow even more and have experienced it firsthand.

Just as we utilised the fourth and fifth decades of the 20th century to impart a new momentum to the freedom movement, we must lay the foundation for a 'Viksit Bharat' in these 25 years of the 21st century. The freedom struggle was a time that called for great sacrifices. The present times call for great and sustained contributions from everyone.

Swami Vivekananda had said in 1897 that we must dedicate the next 50 years solely for the nation. Exactly 50 years after this call, Bharat gained independence in 1947.

Today, we have the same golden opportunity. Let's dedicate the next 25 years solely for the nation. Our efforts will create a strong foundation for the coming generations and the coming centuries, taking Bharat to new heights. Looking at the energy and enthusiasm of the country, I can say that the goal is not far away now. Let us take swift steps... let us come together and create a Viksit Bharat.

(These thoughts were penned by PM Narendra Modi on June 1 between 4.15 pm and 7 pm during his return flight from Kanniyakumari to Delhi)

Oppn undermines poll process, says BJP; INDIA flags postal ballot count

PREETHA NAIR & RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the counting of votes on June 4, a delegation of the Opposition INDIA bloc approached the Election Commission and objected to the poll body changing the rule about counting postal ballots. The leaders demanded that the postal votes be counted first and their results announced before that of the EVMs.

After the meeting, Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi said, "There is a clearly stated statutory rule, which specifically says that you should take up the postal ballots first." According to the existing rule 54-A, if the counting of the postal ballots is not completed, the result of the counting through EVMs cannot be declared, he said, adding the postal ballots can swing the results.

CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury said they have urged the poll panel to ensure that its own guidelines are implemented, which includes en-

suring that the control units of the EVMs are moved through CCTV-monitored corridors and verification of the current date-and-time display of the control units is done. "This verification is important because unless it is done, there is no authenticity that it is the same control unit that came from the polling booth," he said.

"The slips and tags that are put when an EVM is sealed should be shown to all the counting agents for verification. After pressing the button for the results, reconfirming the date of poll is not done. That has to be ensured," he said.

The BJP alleged on Sunday that INDIA allies are trying to undermine the integrity of electoral process and urged the EC to prevent any attempts of "violence and unrest" during the counting. A BJP delegation comprising Union ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Piyush Goyal also urged the EC to initiate stringent action against those making "systematic attempts" to undermine the poll process.

EC seeks 'detailed info' from Ramesh over Shah remark

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AFTER Congress leader Jai Ram Ramesh alleged that home minister Amit Shah had called up 150 district magistrates across the country after voting for the Lok Sabha polls was completed, the Election Commission of India (EC) on Sunday asked him to furnish details of the officials.

In a letter to the Congress leader, the poll panel has also sought the factual basis of his "information" about the calls and the details for his public statement through a post on his social media handle.

The letter also clarified that during the period of enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct, all officers are under deemed deputation of the EC and report directly to it for any directions. "However, no district magistrate has reported any such undue influence as alleged by you," the EC said.

The poll body said that the process of counting of votes is a sacred duty cast upon every returning officer and such public statements by a senior leader



It is requested that the details of 150 district magistrates to whom calls have been allegedly made by the home minister along with the... basis of your information are shared by 7 pm on June 2, 2024

EC letter to Jai Ram Ramesh

tend to put an element of doubt in the minds of the public.

"You, being a responsible, experienced and very senior leader of a national party, must have made such a public statement, just before the day of counting, based on facts or information you believe to be

true. It is requested that the details of 150 district magistrates to whom such calls have been allegedly made by the home minister along with the factual matrix or basis of your information are shared by 7 pm on June 2, 2024, so that appropriate action can be taken," EC said in the letter.

However, sources in the EC said, the poll panel is yet to receive a reply from the senior Congress leader.

Ramesh had, in a post on X on Saturday, claimed that "the outgoing home minister has been calling up district magistrates and collectors and had spoken to 150 district magistrates thus far".

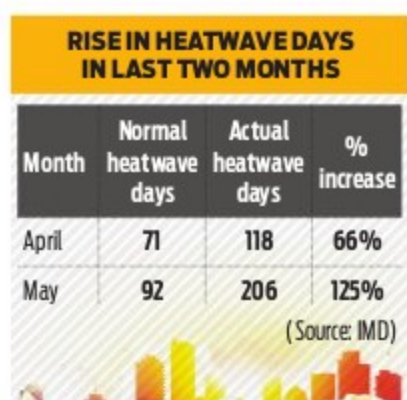
"This is blatant and brazen intimidation, showing how desperate the BJP is. Let it be very clear: the will of the people shall prevail, and on June 4, Mr Modi, Mr Shah, and the BJP will exit, and the INDIA Janbandhan will be victorious. Officers should not get under any pressure and must uphold the Constitution. They are under watch," he added.

May records 125% jump in heatwave days, says IMD; casualties too surge

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

HEATWAVE days across the country rose by 125% in May, a record jump, compared to the normal, impacting a billion people, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

Exposure to a longer duration of heatwave caused a number of heat-related deaths. IMD recorded 206 days of heatwave against the normal 92 days in 36 sub-divisions of the country. However, Kerala, coastal Karnataka, Konkan and the north-eastern region have reported no heatwave days. April saw 118 heatwave days against the normal 71, a 66% increase. West Rajasthan recorded the highest heatwave days in May



(16 days) followed by east Rajasthan (14), Haryana and Gujarat (12). Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, western and eastern Uttar Pradesh, and western Madhya Pradesh each experienced 10 days of heatwave. Heatwave has led to a sudden

rise in the number of deaths in Rajasthan, UP, Bihar, Haryana, Odisha and Jharkhand. Reports indicate that 130 suspected heat-related deaths were recorded in Rajasthan, 26 in Odisha, 14 in Bihar, and 13 in UP.

Rising heatwaves are a global phenomenon due to climate change. A recent study by a group of non-profit organisations shows that the average person on earth had experienced 26 more days of abnormally high temperatures in the past year than normal due to human-induced climate change.

The report said that in the last 12 months, 6.3 billion people — roughly 80% of the global population — experienced at least 31 days of extreme heat.

Modi reviews post-cyclone and heatwave situations

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

A DAY after exit polls predicted a landslide victory for the NDA for a third term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday chaired meetings to review the situation after cyclone Remal and the persisting heatwave.

According to a statement from PMO, Modi was briefed by officials about the impact of Remal, NDRF teams' works and evacuation operations.

The PM instructed the home ministry to monitor the situation and extend assistance for restoration of normal life. "The loss of human lives and damage to houses and properties due to landslides and floods in Mizoram, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura was

Rahul bins exit polls, 'INDIA will win 295 seats'

Termining the exit polls as a "Modi-media poll" and "fantasy poll", Congress leader Rahul Gandhi exuded confidence that the INDIA bloc will achieve its target of 295 seats. Earlier in the day, Congress top brass held a virtual meeting with all LS candidates and other leaders. Gandhi urged them to be alert on counting day and not be 'disheartened' by the exit poll.

also reviewed. PM said that the Centre will continue to extend full support to the state affected by cyclone," said an official.

At the meeting on heatwave, PM directed officials to continue with drills for preventing incidents of fire.



POWER GAMES

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Exit Polls

NUMBERS POSE EXISTENTIAL CRISIS FOR AAP

The return of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal to Tihar Jail and the exit poll prediction of AAP's impending rout in Delhi and Punjab, the two states where it is in power, point to a dire future for the party. There are reports that the Union government is not happy with the chief minister ruling Delhi from the jail. Delhi lieutenant governor V K Saxena has reportedly indicated that immediately after the announcement of Lok Sabha election results, the central government would take a decisive step to improve governance in Delhi. At a recent lunch at Raj Niwas, he told those present that the chief minister's refusal to resign has created a crisis of governance in Delhi and the Central government cannot remain a mute spectator. He pointed out the serious water crisis in the national capital and said administration in the city has come to a standstill. Rumours of possible imposition of President's Rule are flying thick and fast. Kejriwal's aggressive campaign during his three-week bail period and the party's 'Jail ka jawaab vote se' campaign appear to have failed to beat Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal among voters. This has created a sense of despondency in AAP rank and file. Cracks are already visible in the Punjab unit of the party where many MLAs have expressed unhappiness with the leadership of chief minister Bhagwant Mann. The BJP has been fishing in the troubled waters of Punjab for some time. The party has reportedly been in touch with the MLAs and other state leaders of AAP. The exit poll results may encourage the dissidents and threaten the survival of the government in the border state.



Parliament Security

END OF THE ROAD FOR WATCH AND WARD DEPT

The friendly and familiar faces of the Watch and Ward staff that greeted Members of Parliament, senior government functionaries and the members of media at the Parliament House are on their way out. Sources said that the Union government is likely to move the entire staff of the 100-year-old Watch and Ward department, which has been renamed as Parliament Security Service (PSS), to secretarial service. They will no longer look after the security of the Parliament House. The Central Industrial Security Force will handle the entire security of Parliament. Sources said that this change in policy regarding the deployment of the PSS staff will be announced soon. The officials of the Central Reserve Police Force and Delhi Police, who used to help the PSS with peripheral security, were also withdrawn from Parliament duty last month. There have been reports that the PSS officials could be deployed at the Supreme Court, Bharat Mandapam, and other such establishments, but the Lok Sabha Speaker and Chairman of Rajya Sabha have reportedly assured them that since they are part of Parliament, they will remain there and retire from there, though their responsibilities may change. The Watch and Ward department was created after a bomb was thrown in the Central Legislative Assembly, (the Lok Sabha chamber of the old Parliament building) in 1929. The idea behind creation of W&W department was to make the Parliament a self-contained and self-sufficient entity.



2 dead
And seven injured after shooting at
a bar in suburban Pittsburgh



Beijing	32	19	SNY	Los Angeles	23	16	SNY
Colombo	30	27	SNY	Melbourne	14	6	LC
Dhaka	34	28	LR	Moscow	26	16	SNY
Dubai	37	30	SNY	New York	29	17	SNY
Houston	32	26	SNY	Singapore	31	27	SNY
Istanbul	32	21	SNY	Toronto	23	16	SNY
London	19	14	LC	Washington	16	11	SNY

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow
TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Ramaphosa fighting to stay prez as talks for govt formation begin

Zuma's party, the third biggest in Parliament, says he will come for talks after Prez leaves

CAPE TOWN



ANC secretary-general Fikile Mbalula briefs the media on results of the elections at Johannesburg on Sunday

AFRICAN National Congress party will not consider any demands from possible coalition partners that President Cyril Ramaphosa step down, a top official said Sunday, as the ANC attempted to present a united front after a stinging election result ended its 30-year majority. As South Africa heads for a series of complex talks to form a national coalition government for the first time and establish stability, ANC secretary-general Fikile Mbalula said Ramaphosa would remain as party leader and any demands from others that he resign for talks to go ahead was 'a no-go area.'

President Ramaphosa is the president of the ANC, Mbalula

said in the ANC leadership's first public comments since the landmark election results. "And if you come to us with that demand that Ramaphosa is going to step down as the president that is not going to happen."

Mbalula said the ANC was open to talks with every other

political party in an effort to form a government, but "no political party will dictate terms to us, the ANC. They will not... You come to us with that demand, forget (it)."

Mbalula conceded the ANC, which has dominated South African politics since the end of apartheid in 1994, 'suffered heavily' in the election but said it was 'not booted out'.

The ANC received just over 40% of votes, falling well short of the majority it has held for all of South Africa's young democracy. It will still be the biggest party by some way. But it needs to talk with others to form a government and to reelect Ramaphosa for a second and final term. South Africa's president is elected by Parliament after national elections.

"The results send a clear message to the ANC," Mbalula said. "We wish to send a message to the people of South Africa: We have heard them." He said the ANC was committed to forming a government that reflects the will of the people and is stable.

The new MK Party of former President Jacob Zuma, which won 14% in the election in a surprise showing that makes it the third biggest in parliament, has said Ramaphosa must go as leader of the ANC and the country for it to enter any coalition talks with the ANC.

The ANC has many options for coalition partners among South Africa's other parties, including one with the main opposition Democratic Alliance, which won 21% of votes. AP

First Christian women gets Brigadier rank in Pak army

ISLAMABAD

DR Helen Mary Roberts, serving in the Pakistan Army Medical Corps, has made history by becoming the first woman from Christian and minority community to achieve the rank of brigadier in the Muslim-majority country.

Brigadier Helen was among Pakistan Army officers promoted as brigadiers and full colonels by the Selection Board, *The News* reported on Sunday.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif congratulated Helen on her promotion as Brigadier, saying the whole nation was proud of her and thousands of hardworking women like her from minority communities who are serving the country with distinction.

"I myself and the nation congratulate Brig Helen Mary Roberts on getting the honour of the first female from minority to be promoted as Brigadier in the Pakistan Army," he said.

Brigadier Dr. Helen is senior pathologist and has been serving in the Pakistan Army for the last 26 years.

During a Christmas celebration at Christ Church in Rawalpindi last year, Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir had commended the role played by the community in the country's development.

He praised their contributions to promoting quality education, healthcare and philanthropy, as well as their notable contributions to national defence.

According to data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in 2021, there are 2.14% Hindus, 1.27% Christians and 0.09% Ahmadi Muslims. PTI

INDONESIA

MOUNT IBU SPEWS ASH INTO AIR AGAIN

Mount Ibu erupted again on Sunday and spewed thick, gray ash 7,000 metres into the air, officials said. The volcano erupted for more than six minutes, according to Muhammad Wafid, chief of Indonesia's Geology Agency. A column of ash could be seen rising high into the sky. It spewed out material including volcanic ash and sand. At the time of the eruption, the wind was blowing to the west, and as a result the volcanic material was carried by the wind down to a site where people previously evacuated have been living, in a field at Gam Ici village, said another official. AP

ASIA MATTERS



SINGAPORE

3-YR OLD BOY HOSPITALISED AFTER CRASH

Three people, including a three-year-old boy, were taken to hospital after an accident along the Central Expressway on June 1. A 54-year-old male lorry passenger, a 38-year-old male car driver and his three-year-old male passenger were taken to hospital conscious, *The Straits Times* reported. A video of the accident posted online shows a blue lorry travelling on the left-most lane, when a dark-coloured car filters in front of it. The lorry's brake lights come on and the vehicle veers to the right, resulting in a collision with a white car. The impact sends the lorry spinning before crashing.

COUPLE DIE, TWO CHILDREN INJURED

A soldier and his wife died, and their two children were injured in an accident at Jalan Gua Musang-Lojing on Sunday, *The Star* reported. The victims were identified as Ridwan Effendy Yusof, 43, and Suhana Khairudin, 37. Police said, "It is believed that Ridwan Effendy lost control of the car, veering off to the left side of the road and crashed."



80 YEARS SINCE D-DAY LANDING

Parachutists jumping from World War II-era planes hurled themselves on Sunday into now peaceful Normandy skies where the war once raged, heralding a week of ceremonies for the fast-disappearing generation of Allied troops who fought from D-Day beaches 80 years ago to Adolf Hitler's fall, helping free Europe of his tyranny | AP

US trying to build Asia-Pacific NATO, China says

SINGAPORE

THE US is trying to build an Asia-Pacific version of NATO through its Indo-Pacific strategy to maintain its hegemony in the region, a Chinese defence official said, stressing that Washington's attempt to serve its 'selfish' geopolitical interest is 'doomed to fail'.

The remarks by Lieutenant General Jing Jianfeng, deputy chief of staff of the Joint Staff

Department of the Central Military Commission, came in response to US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin's speech during the Shangri La Dialogue on Saturday here in which he spoke about strengthening alliances and partnerships across the region.

Held annually in Singapore, the Shangri La Dialogue is Asia's premier defence summit. Lieutenant-General Jing warned that if regional coun-

tries were to sign up for the US' Indo-Pacific strategy, they would be bound to the 'US war chariot' and be lured into 'taking bullets for the US'.

He termed Austin's remarks as 'rhetoric' that 'sounds good but does no good.' "The real purpose is to merge the small circle into the large circle of the Asia-Pacific version of NATO so as to maintain the hegemony led by the US," Jing, a member of the Chinese delegation, said on

Saturday. The NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation), also called the North Atlantic Alliance, is an intergovernmental military alliance of 32 member states—30 European and 2 North American.

The Indo-Pacific strategy is creating division and confrontation, he said.

The Indo-Pacific is a biogeographic region, comprising the Indian Ocean and the western and central Pacific Ocean. PTI

EXPRESS READ

Mexico likely to have first female president

Mexicans will likely choose the first female president in the country's history on Sunday between a former academic who promises to further the current leader's populist policies and an ex-senator and tech entrepreneur who pledges to up the fight against drug cartels. Nearly 100 million people are registered to vote. Both major presidential candidates are women. Early turnout appeared to be high in the capital with long lines of voters. AP

TEHRAN

IRAN's hardline former president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Sunday registered his candidacy for a presidential election this month, state media reported. The Islamic republic goes to the polls on June 28 to replace ultraconservative president Ebrahim Raisi, who died in a helicopter crash on May 19.

Ahmadinejad, 67, held the post for two straight terms

from 2005 to 2013, a period marked by a standoff with the West especially over Iran's nuclear programme and his incendiary remarks on Israel.

Like all presidential hopefuls, his bid is pending the approval of the Guardian Council, a conservative-dominated body of 12 jurists that vets all candidates for public office.

Ahmadinejad was previously disqualified from entering the presidential race in the 2021



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

Israel-Hamas war continues amid truce push by mediators

RAFAH

ISRAELI bombed the Gaza Strip on Sunday and battled Hamas as mediators called on both sides to agree to a truce and hostage release deal outlined by US President Joe Biden. Deadly fighting rocked Gaza overnight and Sunday, with the Israeli military reporting more air strikes and ground combat. Across Gaza, the military said Sunday it had struck "30 terror targets" over the past day including "weapons storage facilities" and militants.

Witnesses said Israeli Apache attack helicopters on Sunday opened fire on targets in central Rafah, a jet fired a missile at a house in the western Tal al-Sultan district and artillery shelling targeted the southern Brazil neighbourhood.

There were also ongoing clashes in Rafah including fighting in the city centre and drone attacks, witnesses said.

Since Biden spoke at the White House on Friday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has insisted Israel will pursue the war, which now nears its ninth month, until it has destroyed Hamas and freed the captives. Hamas, meanwhile, has said it "views positively" what Biden described as an Israeli proposal.

Netanyahu is under intense domestic pressure from two sides. Protesters backing immediate hostage release, who rallied again on Saturday in their tens of thousands in Tel Aviv, are urging him to strike a truce deal, while the premier's far-right allies are threatening to bring down the government if he does.

Opposition leader Yair Lapid has offered Netanyahu political support if the government secures a deal.

Netanyahu said on Saturday that "Israel's conditions for ending the war have not changed: the destruction of Hamas's military and governing capabilities, the freeing of all hostages and ensuring that Gaza no longer poses a threat to



An Israeli army tank takes position in an area of Israel's southern border with the Gaza Strip on Sunday | AFP



TOLL SO FAR

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Maldives to ban Israeli tourists from coming

Maldives will ban Israelis from the luxury tourist hot spot, the office of the president said on Sunday, announcing a national rally in "solidarity with Palestine". President Mohamed Muizzu has "resolved to impose a ban on Israeli passports," a spokesman for his office said, without giving details of when the new law would take effect. Muizzu also announced a national fundraising campaign.

Hezbollah says it has bombed 2 Israeli army bases

Hezbollah said on Sunday its fighters had bombed two army bases in Golan Heights within hours, after deadly Israeli strikes on south Lebanon. The border clashes have intensified, and on Sunday Hezbollah "bombed... the headquarters of the 210th Golan Division in the Nafah barracks with dozens of Katyusha rockets", the Iran-backed group said in a statement. It said the attack was in retaliation for Israeli strikes in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. A source close to Hezbollah said two fighters were wounded. AFP

Israel". Mediators the United States, Qatar and Egypt later said they "call on both Hamas and Israel to finalise the agreement embodying the principles outlined by President Joe Biden". According to Biden, Is-

rael's three-stage offer would begin with a six-week phase that would see Israeli forces withdraw from all populated areas of the Gaza Strip and an initial hostage-prisoner exchange. AFP

China disrupting peace conference: Zelenskyy

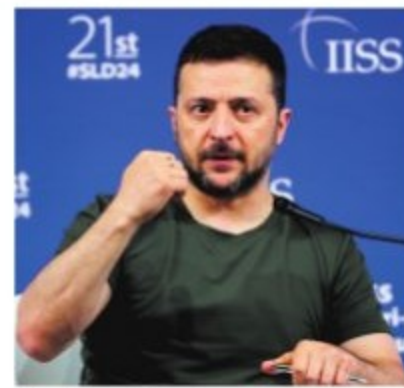
SINGAPORE/KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused China on Sunday of helping Russia to disrupt an upcoming Swiss-organised peace conference on the war in Ukraine.

Speaking at Asia's premier security conference, Zelenskyy said that China is pressuring other countries and their leaders not to attend the upcoming talks. He did not say which ones. "Russia, using Chinese influence in the region, using Chinese diplomats also, does everything to disrupt the peace summit," he said at a news conference at the Shangri-La defense forum.

"Regrettably this is unfortunate that such a big independent powerful country as China is an instrument in the hands of Putin."

China has staked out what it says is a neutral position on the war, putting it at odds with Ukraine, the United States and most of Europe. Its trade with Russia has grown, easing the economic impact of Western sanctions. And American, Ukrainian and other intelligence agencies say there is evidence that Chinese parts are winding up in Russian weaponry, even if China is not directly arming its neighbour.



Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Meanwhile, Ukraine imposed emergency power shutdowns in most of the country on Sunday, a day after Russia unleashed large-scale attacks on energy infrastructure and claimed it made gains in the eastern Donetsk province.

The shutdowns were in place in all but three regions of Ukraine following Saturday's drone and missile attack on energy targets that injured at least 19 people.

Ukraine's state-owned power grid operator Ukrenergo said the shutdowns affected both industrial and household consumers.

Without adequate air defences to counter assaults and allow for repairs, though, the shortages could still worsen as need spikes in late summer and the bitter-cold winter. AP

CARTEL MOVE

OPEC+ decides to hold steady production levels till 2025

FRANKFURT

SAUDI Arabia and allied oil producing countries on Sunday extended output cuts through next year, a move aimed at supporting slack prices that haven't risen even amid turmoil in the Middle East and the start of the summer travel season. The OPEC+ alliance, made up of members of the producers cartel and allied countries including Russia, decided at an online meeting to hold steady its production levels, which include collective cuts of 2 million barrels per day, through Dec. 31, 2025.

The Saudis need higher oil prices to fund ambitious plans by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to diversify the country's economy away from fossil fuel exports. Higher oil prices would also help Russia maintain economic growth and stability as it spends heavily on its war against Ukraine.

The OPEC+ statement didn't say what would happen to an additional set of voluntary cuts that include a reduction of 2.2 million barrels a day by a smaller group of alliance members including the Saudis. Analysts expected those unilateral cuts, which expire at the end of the month, to be extended as well.

International benchmark Brent has loitered in the \$81-\$83 per barrel range for the past month. Even the war in Gaza and attacks on shipping in the Red Sea by Houthi rebels in Yemen have not pushed prices up toward the \$100 per barrel level last seen in Sept 2022. Reasons include higher interest rates, concerns about demand due to slower than desired economic growth in Europe and China, and rising non-OPEC supply. AP

All you need to know about Irdai's new health insurance rules

The regulator has mandated health insurers to provide cashless authorisation within one hour, and final authorisation within three hours of intimation

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (Irdai) recently came up with a series of changes in the health insurance sector that will go a long way in improving service standards for policyholders.

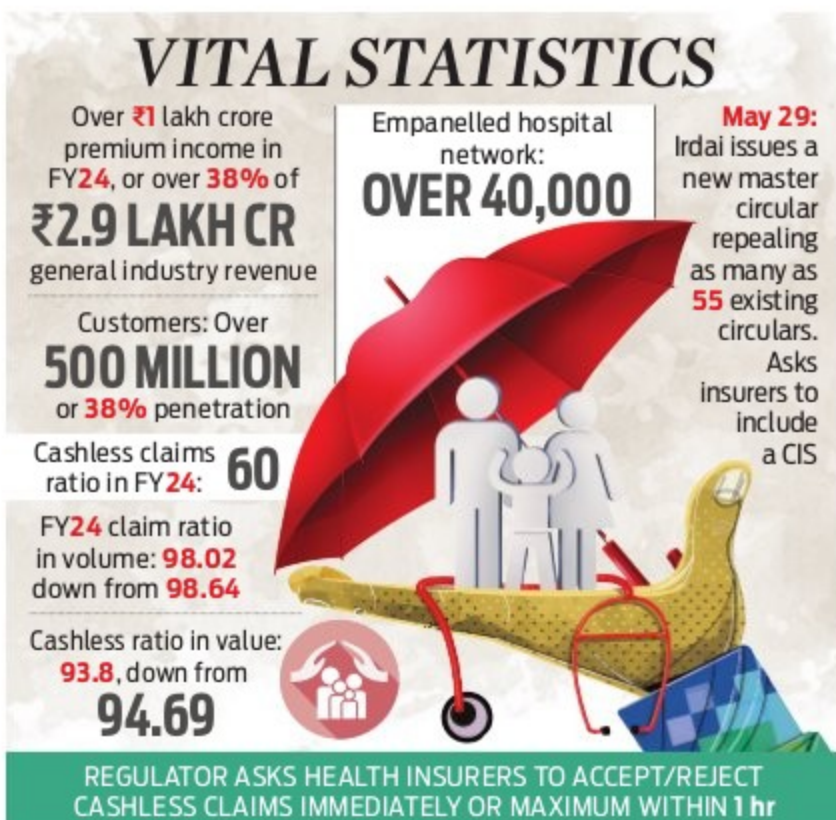
The regulator has mandated health insurers to accept/reject a cashless claim immediately and latest by within one hour, and settle such a claim on discharge within three hours, else bear the additional cost if any. These game-changers have many benefits to policyholders as they significantly reduce the stress and anxiety associated with claim processing during hospitalisation.

This is also the harbinger for 100% cashless claim settlement in a time-bound manner and a major step in streamlining the real ordeal of both hospital admission and discharge. The master circular comes into effect immediately.

The new master circular repeals 55 previous circulars. Under the new norms, an insurer can't repudiate a claim sans the approval of its claims

review panel. For claim settlement, the insurer and the third-party administrator must collect documents from hospitals and not from the insured. Also, policyholders with multiple health policies can select the policy under which they make the claim wherein the primary insurer will coordinate the settlement of the balance amount from other insurers. The new rules ask insurers to reward policyholders with no claims during the policy period by offering either an increased sum insured or discounted premium amounts.

It also says policyholders can receive premium refund for the unexpired policy period if one cancels the policy midway and that all individual health policies are renewable and cannot be denied on the basis of previous claims, except in cases of fraud, non-disclosures, or misrepresentation. And no fresh underwriting is required for renewal policies unless there is an increase in the sum insured. Also, stricter timelines are imposed on portability requests via the



Insurance Information Bureau of India portal. The circular also asks insurers to include a customer information sheet as part of the policy document explaining all customer-facing details such as the policy type,

sum assured, coverage details, exclusions & deductibles and the waiting period.

Directives & Benefits

According to the circular, a cashless claim demand has to

be accepted/rejected immediately and maximum within one hour and has to be settled within three hours of the discharge notice. More importantly if there is a delay beyond the mandated three hours, the additional amount, if any, charged by the hospital to the customer should be borne by the insurer from the shareholder's fund. In the event of the policyholder's death during treatment, the insurer shall immediately process the request for claim settlement.

Under the new rules, a hospital can't hold you up waiting for insurance authorisation before discharge. This is a big relief as normally the biggest pain for any patient and her attendant in a hospitalisation is the discharge process. The penalty clause on the insurer for delayed authorisation will make the staff at both the ends more responsible to their employers first and to themselves second and more so to the customer.

The direction also mandates the insurer to have the necessary systems and procedures

in place by July 31 to ensure a smooth transition to the new regulation. This also allows them to have physical help desks in hospitals to handle requests. Additionally, they can give pre-authorisation to policyholders digitally, ensuring a smoother and faster claim settlement process.

The circular also mandates hospitals to immediately release the mortal remains. The circular also directs insurers to provide a one-month grace period for annual renewal of health policies and protect benefits under policies renewed within that period.

It also emphasises on the policyholder's right to a premium refund for the remainder of the policy period if she cancelled the policy prematurely or reward her with higher sum assured or lower premium in case of no claims in a year. The circular also mandates health insurers to pay the ombudsman's award within 30 days.

Benefit of cashless claims

Cashless claims offer signifi-

cant advantages allowing the policyholder to receive treatment at empanelled hospitals without needing upfront payments, as the insurer settles bills directly with the hospital.

Claim settlement data

According to the latest Irdai data, the claim settlement ratio for the private sector stood at 98.02 in volume for FY24, marginally down from 98.64 in FY23, and the ratio in value stood at 93.80 and 94.69, respectively.

According to the General Insurance Council chairman Tapan Singhel, the health insurance sector has collected a little over ₹1,00,000 crore in premium in FY24, reflecting a robust 20% growth from ₹81,997 crore in FY23, thus making it the single largest business vertical for the insurers netting in 37.5% of the top-line share. With over 500 million customers, which translates to around 38% penetration, up from 37% in FY23, the new policy changes will positively impact at least these many people.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON PASSIVE INCOME



FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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IN wealthy nations, there is a concept of social security. You can claim a 'jobless' allowance if you do not get work. In Scandinavian countries, people get a monthly dole even if they just sit at home. The guarantee of income gives financial security to ordinary people in rich countries. That is possible due to the smaller size of those countries in terms of the number of people.

In India, there was a debate about a universal basic income. Political parties often promise such ideas during the election season. However, to execute such a thing, the government finances need to be in a state of perennial surplus. That means their expenditure must be lower than the tax or non-tax income. Due to the large demography in India, such a scenario is implausible for years to come.

As a result, each of us has a financial security onus. The government will do what it can within the Union Budget framework. You can hope for the best, but the truth is that you have to secure your finances so that you do not have to depend on

anyone else. For that, your financial habits matter.

The Reserve Bank of India's annual report for 2023-24 shows that net financial household savings fell to 5.2% of gross national disposable income (GNDI). In the financial year 2013-14, they stood at 7.2% and averaged around that level. The net household financial savings rose sharply during COVID-19 but fell as most of you utilised savings for expenditure.

The fall in net savings is due to a sharp surge in household financial liabilities, which rose

5.7% of GNDI from 3.1% ten years ago. There is borrowing for buying new homes and other assets. Households also borrow money for automobiles, travel, and other consumption expenditures. That is reflected in the surge in credit card payments made in 2023-24 to ₹18,30,000 crore. That is nearly double the payments made in 2021-22.

Your habits thus far have skewed in favour of saving and spending rather than investing. The RBI data also shows that your love for hoarding cash remains unchanged despite demonetisation shocks and digital payments. Your affinity for physical assets is high, with most of you wanting to own homes, property, or physical assets like gold.

However, the RBI data also indicates a visible increase in household allocation for insurance, provident and pension funds, shares, and debentures. If you combine that data with the surge in demat account holders, mutual fund folios and bank accounts, you know there is a definitive move towards the 'financialisation' of savings. Although not yet meaningful, it will likely be a secular trend. Technology is likely to enable more savings in financial assets.

Passive income

Money begets money. It is a cycle that can start with small steps and grow into a complete

financial security solution for you and your family. To create a passive income from scratch, you must put your savings to work to build an investment corpus. You need to invest more in equity assets to generate higher returns than other asset classes. That allocation is based on your risk appetite. Your ability to take the risk is based on your confidence in your future income. That is possible only when you manage your expenditure and create a monthly investible surplus.

If you are lucky enough to have inherited wealth through money or property, you can be in that position sooner than later. A passive income generated through a long-term rent or regular interest on deposits or dividend payments in top companies can be that risk capital. In the early years of your work, you must focus on saving and investing actively to create a passive income.

With steady economic growth predicted for India over the next several years, you can achieve that goal and generate a passive income source. Since it is a perpetual income, you can allocate more to equity or equity-linked assets. That is provided you have no outstanding loans and another source of income to pay for your monthly expenses. Such a cycle of saving, investing and reinvesting can help you build your financial security net. Getting a good professional advisor can make a big difference, too.



MONEY-WISE

RENTAL INCOME? THINK BEFORE BUYING PROPERTY



FINANCIAL ADVICE

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need the help of good brokers and the brokerage costs eat into your yield returns.

● With interest rates exceeding 9% today, the cost of buying property has gone up. This means that a lot more has to go right today than if you had bought when rates were say 6%.

● Getting good tenants. Assuming you have the money and some skills, you would still need to deal with finding and managing tenants. New properties also depreciate and you will have to deal with the ongoing costs of servicing them and dealing with tenants who won't pay and won't vacate the property!

● Find a real estate manager. If you don't like dealing with tenants, then your solution is to find a property manager (broker) to do it for you. However, finding a good manager may not be that easy!

● Locational and Concentration Risk. As we end up know-

ing one location and we buy a few properties, we tend to buy in one location. This leads to location and concentration risk. While investing in equities, we invest in mutual funds instead of building our own direct equity portfolio. REITs are not such a great idea in India!

Owning investment properties has lots of benefits, but there are no tax benefits (rent is mostly taxable). Long ago it made sense to make tax losses and set it off against other income. This is now history.

Almost all Real estate brokers and builders will tell you that you cannot lose money in Real Estate. I have seen too many people lose money in RE. As your age increases will you have the energy to collect rent, pay the electricity bill, society charges, look after the upkeep - when it lies unoccupied?

Real Estate as a tool for generating retirement income is not a great idea in India. Imagine a property worth ₹1 crore is what you have. Selling it and putting it in the bank will get you about ₹10 lakh as interest, and will get you ₹2-3 lakh per annum as rent. This is NOT at all attractive for a 75-year-old person. It is fine for a 55-year-old person who has other taxable income. Also after the age of 70 do you want to really 'manage' anything? Would you not prefer a more passive portfolio?

Adani Group 'better' leveraged even as debt more than doubles in 5 yrs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TOTAL net debt of the Adani Group has almost doubled in the past five years from ₹94,770 crore at the end of FY19 to ₹181,604 crore in FY24, growing at a compounded annual growth rate of 14%. Gross debt of the group more than doubled during the same period from ₹1.06 lakh crore to ₹2.41 lakh crore, the company said in a credit profile note issued on Sunday.

Net debt is arrived at after deducting the cash balance of the company from gross debt. The group's cash balance has increased more than five times to ₹59,700 crore at the end of FY24. The group owes 36% of total gross debt to domestic banks. The average maturity of loans taken from domestic banks is 9 years. Global banks account for 26%, or

₹61,900 crore, outstanding loans of the group. The average maturity period for such loans is 4.34 years. Rest of the debt was raised from global (29%) and domestic (5%) capital markets.

Adani Green Energy has the highest gross long-term loans among the listed Adani group companies with ₹53,952 crore debt in its books, followed by Adani Port and SEZ (₹45,800 crore).

Despite rising debt in absolute numbers, the group is much better placed in terms of leverage ratios. The company's net debt/EBIDTA ratio has improved from 3.91x in FY19 to 2.19x in FY24. In the previous year, the net debt/EBIDTA ratio was 3.27x. The company's total asset/net debt ratio also improved from 1.67x to 2.63x during the period.

Bank of India launches special FD scheme

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-OWNED lender Bank of India has launched its ₹666 Days Fixed Deposit - which offers interest rate at 7.95% per annum for Super Senior Citizens. The tenure of the FD is 666 days for deposit amount of less than ₹2 crore.

The scheme offers 7.8% per annum interest for senior citizens and 7.3% for others. The revised interest rates which are effective from 1 June 2024 are applicable for domestic, NRO and NRE rupee term deposits. Under the scheme, loan against fixed deposit and premature withdrawal facilities are also available, the bank said. Recently, largest lender State Bank of India also increased the pricing on short-term retail fixed deposits by 25-75 basis points, taking the peak offering to 6.25%, a move other banks also likely to follow amidst rising credit demand and falling liquidity.

Markets might see biggest gains post exit polls

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INDIA'S equity market is expected to see one of its biggest gains of recent times this week following the exit poll results which have erased all concerns related to change of power at the centre.

According to market experts, as there are now indications that the Prime Minister-led NDA alliance will win more than 350 seats in the Lok Sabha elections, the bulls are expected to go on a major buying spree on Monday.

Market experts believe the headline indexes will scale to new peaks this week after a choppy streak last week. Sensex and Nifty ended the week down nearly 2% at 73,961 and 22,531 as investors preferred to play safe ahead of the D-Day.

"Exit polls results which indicate a clear victory for the NDA with around 360 seats completely removes the so-called election jitters which have been weighing on markets in May. This comes as a shot in the arm for the bulls who will trigger a big rally in the market



on Monday," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services. Vijayakumar adds that large caps in financials, capital goods, automobiles and telecom are likely to lead the rally on Monday. The bulls will be further emboldened by the better-than-expected 8.2% growth in GDP numbers which came after market hours on Friday.

Gaurav Dua of Sharekhan by BNP Paribas said that if the ruling coalition is able to cross the 350 mark again, it would be taken quite positively by the market. "It would essentially mean a stable government with

continuity in the policy framework. We expect public sector companies along with engineering, power, banks to lead the rally on Monday. Also, there could also be short covering by foreign investors which would further add to the party on the Street," added Dua.

Analysts, however, are also cautious that the final seat tally could be a little different on Tuesday as the exit polls have predicted.

They have also hinted at profit booking after a rally. "The fact that the BJP could return to power is good for continuing and accelerating the reform

process. This outcome was mainly on the expected lines. Hence, markets may, after the initial excitement, wait out for the new path set out by the latest government. If the NDA does not get 400+ seats, some fundamental reforms requiring constitutional amendments may be challenging to implement, but there is still a lot that can be done with this kind of majority," said Dhiraj Relli, MD & CEO, HDFC Securities.

Besides equities, government-backed security bonds and local currency are also expected to see a rally. "We expect the Nifty to reach approximately 23,200-23,300 levels during this period. Additionally, we foresee the India 10-year yield reaching 6.9% and the Rupees appreciating to 82.75," said Amit Goel, Co-Founder & Chief Global Strategist, Pace 360.

Goel, however, said in the longer term, they continue to believe that Indian equities represent the biggest bubble in the history of world equity markets. "We expect the Nifty to correct down to 18,000 levels by October 2025," added Goel.



Former India cricketer and Kolkata Knight Riders mentor Gautam Gambhir broke his silence about the India head coach role on Sunday. "I would love to coach the Indian team. There is no bigger honour than coaching your national team. You are representing 140 crore Indians and those across the globe," said the 42-year-old at an event in Abu Dhabi.

Levitt ready to light up T20 WC

Netherlands' highest individual T20I scorer played a key role when his side beat former champions Sri Lanka in a warm-up match. All eyes will be on him during the marquee event...

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

FROM being a gap PE teacher in England only a couple of years ago to the highest individual T20I scorer for Netherlands, all-rounder Michael Levitt's life is nothing short of a miracle. The 20-year-old from South Africa moved to the Netherlands only in March last year and has taken giant strides to make it to the Dutch team.

Even as the hard-hitting right-hand batter is gearing up to feature in his first T20 World Cup, his extraordinary journey in the last 14 months is enough to mesmerise. Levitt took instant decisions and developed as a cricketer during this period. When he got an offer from Dutch coach Ryan Cook, he gave a one-month notice period to the school he was working for to move to Netherlands.

"Two summers back I think I was playing cricket in the Middlesex Premier League. During that time I was pretty focussed on trying to get into a county set-up probably through Middlesex, the club I was playing for. When I realised it's quite hard. To be honest I have to probably stay there for three years to become local and get eligible to play as an overseas player. It was quite tough. I was prepared to stay there for a full three years, study and find a job and probably look to live there and next minutes, Tuesday morning I got a message from Ryan Cook. He asked me about my Dutch passport and if



Michael Levitt will be one of the key players for Netherlands | INSTAGRAM

I was keen to play cricket for the Netherlands," Levitt, who also bowls right-arm medium pace, told this daily.

Everything unfolded at a fast pace since then as Levitt visited his family in South Africa and also met Cook in the country before relocating to the Netherlands. "I didn't take too long to think about it. I messaged straight home and told them about the offer. A couple of months later I went home for New Year and talked to my family and got back to Ryan. Met him over a cup of coffee. He just explained the route forward, explained the programme and gave me a few clubs I can play at. From there I was contacted with Voorburg Cricket Club. Moved over there in March 2023 and the rest is history. Had a pretty decent club season, got selected

to be a travelling reserve for the Zimbabwe Qualifiers (ODI World Cup). After that I just tried to put my head down and work hard. Now I find myself sitting at my first T20 WC."

But all has not been hunky-dory for him as he did not find himself in the national fold for the ODI World Cup played in India. Levitt was disappointed but that phase gave him time to improve as a cricketer and more importantly as a human being. "I think missing out on that ODI World Cup was a natural disappointment. But then again you go back and look at the guys who have been chosen and you look at yourself. You can see what you need to be and where you need to be. That time was just a reconstruction time, which was mostly off the field. Given the hard yard he has

put in, Levitt hit the ground running as he scored a fifty in his maiden T20I against hosts Nepal in Kirtipur earlier this year during the tri-series with Namibia being the third team. But his best came in the second match when he hammered Namibia bowlers to score the highest individual T20I score by a Dutch. Levitt scored a 62-ball 135 to surpass the record set by Max O'Dowd three years ago.

"I remember that innings pretty vividly but also some parts of it is pretty blur. I remember taking that one over down from their left arm bowler and I thought this is the time to go for it. After that I tried to ride the momentum. What helped was that the Nepal field is quiet at a high altitude. Just got the ball in the air with decent contact and it was going most of the time. I looked at the scoreboard and I was at 135 and I didn't know what they were clapping for. I was told by Max himself, who was the previous record holder, that it's the highest individual total by a Dutch batter which I am grateful to and probably can tell my grand-kids one day."

A lot will be expected from him when the Dutch start their campaign in the World Cup. He has already given glimpses with 28-ball 55 against Sri Lanka in a warm-up match. Obviously, we have the goals to make the final, to go as far as we can and will give our best shot. I am sure other teams will also be looking to do the same thing," he signed off.

Full story: newindianexpress.com



THE TALKING POINTS

One of the favourites, South Africa, go head-to-head with Sri Lanka while Afghanistan have a chance to make an early statement. A look...

CONTRASTING MATCH-UPS

The Proteas, still searching for their first senior ICC World Cup, have levelled up in the last 18 months or so. These days, they have a destructive middle-order, led by Heinrich Klaasen and Tristan Stubbs. In the other corner are Sri Lanka who come into the event with one of the best bowling attacks in terms of variety.

FOCUS ON PATHIRANA, HASARANGA

If the Islanders are to conjure the magic of 2014, then Matheesha Pathirana in the pace department and captain Wanindu Hasaranga will have to do something special with the ball throughout the tournament.

SPINNERS TO THE FORE

Afghanistan have filled their squad with spinners and expect them to get into the tournament straightaway as the likes of Rashid Khan, Mujeeb Ur Rehman and Noor Ahmed will likely play against debutants Uganda.

Uganda will play their first ever match in a global ICC event.

South Africa vs Sri Lanka, New York, BPM
Afghanistan vs Uganda, Guyana, 6 AM (Tuesday)
Live on Star Sports and Hotstar

USA shine on opening night

DALLAS: USA announced their arrival in T20 World Cup in spectacular fashion as Aaron Jones introduced himself with a 40-ball 94 in a seven-wicket hammering of Canada in the opening match here. Batting first, Canada posted 194 for five, but USA completed the task with 14 balls to spare. America's very own Jones, who was born in Queens, a New York City borough, smashed 10 sixes and four boundaries to make a statement on behalf of the team full of expatriates. Andries Gous too made an impression with his 65 off 46 balls. Jones finished the chase with a pair of sixes. **Brief scores:** Canada: 194/5 in 20 ovs (Dhaliwal 61, Kirton 51) lost to USA 197/3 in 17A ovs (Aaron 94 n.o., Gous 65).

West Indies survive scare against PNG

GEORGETOWN: A nerveless Roston Chase helped West Indies home as the co-hosts survived a scare before winning their opening game against Papua New Guinea. Needing 137, they were wobbling at 97/5 with four overs remaining. That's when Chase, in the company of Andre Russell, went big as their unbroken stand of 40 came off just 18 deliveries. On a slow surface, the PNG spinners ran through the top-order but Chase climbed into Assad Vala in the 18th over. Earlier, Sese Bau top-scored with 50 while all bowlers apart from Chase picked at least one wicket. **Brief scores:** PNG 136/8 in 20 ovs (Bau 50, Doriga 27 n.o.; Russell 2/19) lost to West Indies 137/5 in 19 ovs (King 34, Chase 42 n.o.; Vala 2/28).

EXPRESS READ

Parul, Pushpendra impress in GBS

MUMBAI: A display of aggressive boxing by Delhi state champion Parul Adhikari in her first-ever pro-boxing bout and a dominant win by Pushpendra Rath in the women's and men's light weight categories, respectively, set the tone for a successful debut of Global Boxing Series.

Norway Chess: Praggnanandhaa scores a massive, hard-earned victory over World No 2 Fabiano Caruana in Rd 5

STAVANGER: Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa scored a massive, hard-earned victory over World No 2 Fabiano Caruana of the United States and made his way to the top 10 of world rankings after the end of fifth round. Hikaru Nakamura got the better of Ding Liren of China.

On the way to becoming a great: Sania on Iga

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

ON Monday, one of the surest things in tennis, a Rafael Nadal win in the French dirt, came to an end. Battling on in the December second week of his career, the Spaniard great fell to Alexander Zverev in first round. The 14-time winner of the French Open had lost his kingdom for only the fourth (and perhaps last) time in his career.

Some 48 hours after Nadal existed, another player, already a future Hall of Famer of the sport, showed why she is en route to becoming one of the best on this surface. The best players don't just merely dominate opposition. Even on their off days, they manage and find ways to prevail against adver-



Iga Swiatek defeated Anastasia Potapova 6-0, 6-0 to reach final 8 | AFP

sity. That's what Iga Swiatek managed to do against a redlining Naomi Osaka, a four-time Slam winner herself. Down a match point in the third stanza, the Pole came up with the goods to win to claim a 14th consecutive win on the surface. She had

won both clay tun-up events at Rome and Madrid before the Paris Major.

"On clay, she's a different kind of beast anyway," was how Sania Mirza put it when the former doubles World No. 1 was asked about Swiatek's place in the women's game. "For the last few years, she has been as dominate as anyone else, especially when it comes to this surface."

That's true. Coming into this year's Open, the 21-year-old (she turned 22 last week) had won 25 matches on the dirt, winning three titles in the process. If she does end up three-peat, she will emulate Justine Henin (among women, the Belgian is the only player to have had a hat-trick of titles in Paris in the 21st century).

On Sunday, Swiatek suggest-

ed why she remains the prohibitive favourite as she cantered past Anastasia Potapova 6-0, 6-0 in under 45 minutes. "She's on the way to becoming an absolute great of the game," Mirza, who was speaking to select journalists on tournament eve, added. When asked if it was safe to compare her with Serena Williams, she said: "Whether we can compare her to Serena, I think time will tell. She's still only 22, very young. It puts a lot of pressure but I do understand the comparisons made."

Select Results: Men (third round) Novak Djokovic bt Lorenzo Musetti 7-5, 6-7 (6), 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 **Women** (fourth round): Iga Swiatek bt Anastasia Potapova 6-0, 6-0, Coco Gauff bt Elisabetta Cocciaretto 6-1, 6-2.

French Open continues on Sony Sports Networks from 2.30 PM

Tale of redemption: Amit, Jaismine find joy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

BOXERS Amit Panghal and Jaismine Lamboria's tales are sort of a redemption. Though extremely skilled in their craft, the duo were struggling to meet the standards required at the elite level of amateur boxing. Despite some notable wins, they were staring at an uncertain future. That changed on Sunday.

They breathed new life into their careers with notable victories on the day, something that not only secured their near future but potentially handed them an opportunity to alter their lives. They beat their respective opponents in the 2nd World Qualifying Tournament in Bangkok to earn an Olympic quota each. India are now guaranteed to field six pugilists in the upcoming Paris Games.

Sunday's outcome is a welcome tonic for Jaismine (57kg) and Amit's (51kg).

Both have experienced hard lessons in recent times. Amit was once upon a time regarded as the face of Indian boxing. He was the gold standard before the Tokyo Olympics debacle, where he was stunned in his very first fight. Usually composed, that outcome had seem-

ingly messed up his confidence. It was a gradual recovery process and he had to be patient as the coaches/selectors mostly picked Deepak Bhoria over him for key events. But the 2019 World Championships silver medallist persisted and had some noteworthy wins — he won the national title (Dec 2023) before going on to win gold at the Strandja Memorial in Bulgaria (Feb 2024).

Jaismine's story is equally fascinating. She was not even supposed to be in Thailand. India were forced to relinquish the 57kg quota earned by Parveen Hooda after she was suspended for whereabouts failure. Moreover, Jaismine's usual weight category is 60kg. She had made two attempts to qualify for the Olympics before this (Asian Games & 1st World Qualification Tournament).

She had failed spectacularly on both occasions before she got a last-minute call from the selectors to regain the 57kg quota. She is now set to make her Olympic bow.

While Amit and Jaismine took a giant leap, it was a tough pill to swallow for Sachin Siwach (57kg), who missed out on a quota after losing the third spot box-off bout.



DAREN SAMMY NATIONAL CRICKET STADIUM, GROS ISLET, ST LUCIA

History: Also known as the Beausejour Cricket Ground, the stadium is named after former West Indies captain, Daren Sammy, who helped them win the 2012 and 2016 T20 World Cups. In 2003, the stadium hosted the Test for the first time against Sri Lanka and became the first venue in the Caribbean to host a day-night game. During the 2010 T20 World Cup, this venue hosted the T20I for the first time.

Capacity: 12,400

SELECTIVE CLASHES

Jun 17: WI vs AFG
Jun 19: Super 8s B2 vs C2
Jun 21: Super 8s B1 vs D1
Jun 24: Super 8s B2 vs A1

THE VENUE GUIDE

Nine venues across the USA and the Caribbeans will host the 55 matches in the ninth edition of the T20 World Cup. A look...

CENTRAL BROWARD REGIONAL PARK STADIUM, FLORIDA

Capacity: 20,000

History: Based in a large county park in Lauderhill, Florida, it is one of the dedicated cricket stadiums in the United States. The stadium has so far hosted six ODI fixtures, starting in 2019 and 16 T20Is dating back to 2010. Amongst those 16 T20Is, India has been part of eight of them.

SELECTIVE CLASHES

Jun 15: IND vs CAN
Jun 16: PAK vs IRE

KENSINGTON OVAL, BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

Capacity: 28,000

History: Established in 1871, this stadium has a long-standing cricket history. The first international fixture was held in 1895, and it took 35 years to host the first Test match at the venue. In 2008, West Indies hosted Australia for the first T20I at the venue, and since then it has hosted 24 T20Is including a few during the 2010 ICC World Twenty20. In this edition along with three Super 8's matches, this oval will host the final on June 29.

SELECTIVE CLASHES

Jun 8: AUS v ENG
Jun 20: Super 8s C1 vs A1
Jun 21: Super 8s A2 vs C2
Jun 23: Super 8s A2 v B1
Jun 29: Final



GUYANA NATIONAL STADIUM (PROVIDENCE), GUYANA

History: Located a few kilometers away from the Guyanese capital Georgetown, the stadium was built for the 2007 World Cup, when the Caribbean islands hosted the ICC event for the first time. Since then it has found regular fixtures in the West Indies cricket calendar. Also known as the Providence Stadium, this stadium will be used for the ICC event for the first time since the 2018 Women's World Twenty20.

Capacity: 15,000

SELECTIVE CLASHES

Jun 8: AFG vs NZ
Jun 27: Semifinal 2

BRIAN LARA CRICKET ACADEMY, TAROUBA, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

History: Named after the former West Indies captain Brian Lara, the stadium was established in 2008. The venue was supposed to be ready for the 2007 World Cup, but unfortunately, problems kept pushing back the completion date. Finally, the stadium was opened in 2017, and the women's ODI fixture was hosted in 2018. In 2022, India played the first men's T20I at the venue which has hosted only four men's T20Is.

Capacity: 15,000

SELECTIVE CLASHES

Jun 12: WI vs NZ
Jun 26: Semifinal 1

SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS STADIUM, NORTH SOUND, ANTIGUA

History: Named after the former West Indies captain, this stadium replaced the Antigua Recreation Ground since the 2007 World Cup. In the same World Cup, West Indies hosted Australia for the first ODI, while the home side hosted South Africa for a T20I in 2010 for the first time. In 2021, the stadium hosted the World Cup Americas Region Qualifier, where the co-hosts, USA, qualified for the global qualifiers.

Capacity: 10,000

SELECTIVE CLASHES

Jun 19: Super 8s A2 vs D1
Jun 20: Super 8s B2 vs D2
Jun 22: Super 8s A1 v D2
Jun 23: Super 8s C2 v D1

Resilient Madrid inevitably hold firm to claim CL glory

AGENCIES @ London

REAL Madrid always find a way in the Champions League and so it proved again as they were outplayed by Borussia Dortmund on Saturday but still claimed a record 15th triumph.

Edin Terzic's side put Los Blancos under the cosh in the first half but Madrid held their nerve with some help from the woodwork, goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois and some profligate Dortmund finishing, before the

inevitable happened. Dani Carvajal broke the deadlock for Madrid with a crisp header from Toni Kroos' corner and then, with the Germans hunting an equaliser, Vinicius Junior struck to finish the job.

Madrid simply do not lose Champions League finals and this season, for the first time in their history, they have not lost a single match in the competition. Dortmund had dominated early on but Karim Adeyemi wasted a chance. Madrid's attacking stars Vinicius, Rodrygo



Real Madrid lifted the UEFA Champions League Trophy for the 15th time | AFP

Goes and Jude Bellingham, on his England homecoming, had created little at the other end until Carvajal's header. Madrid's only danger was coming from the boots of the man playing his last ever match for the club after a decade controlling the midfield — Toni Kroos.

Regardless of the difficulty, as veteran midfielder Luka Modric laid out firmly the day before the final, Madrid "fight until the end", and they did so again to seal a fifth La Liga and Champions League double.



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PATH TO PRESTIGE THE CA FINAL ROUTE

ARE you an eligible candidate for the CA Final examination and are you wondering if the effort, time, and hard work are worthwhile? Indeed, a career as a CA is highly esteemed and it has always been considered as one of the most elite professions. With four lakh CAs currently practising, where did this prestige stem from and how has it evolved over the years? To understand this better, CAs from various domains explain the history, evolution, and perception of this status.

According to CA Virag Dilip Shah, Founder of Connect Easy, which provides virtual chief financial officers (CFOs) to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and CA Akhil Pachori, a firm partner and a practising CA, the prestige of CA dates back to India's independence. Both acknowledged that the Indian Constitution Assembly recognised the need to establish a skilled body — the Indian Institute of Chartered Accountancy (ICAI) in 1949 even before the Indian Constitution took effect on January 26, 1950, to promote industrial growth and national development.

The factors behind the prestigious status CA holds received varied responses from professionals. CA Suraj Lakhota, Co-Founder & Director of IndigoLearn EduTech, an online platform providing animated classes for CA students, said, "CAs are regarded as experts in accountancy, audit, taxation, and law, thanks to their rigorous and challenging exams. Despite historically low pass rates, the profession continues to be respected and prestigious, offering numerous career opportunities and witnessing a steady rise in the number of CAs over time."

As a mentor, Lakhota noticed that many commerce students opt for CA as their de-

fault option. "As several students find the course too demanding and stressful, many are more likely to opt for simpler tests that lead to foreign certificates since it requires lesser efforts to pass than the CA exam," he adds.

CA Pruthvi Dharmesh Mehta, an executive at EY (Ernst & Young), terms CAs as unsung superheroes of the business and financial world as they are the heart of business decision-making, guarding financial integrity. Further, she emphasised the profession's potential to significantly impact the future, shape the financial world, and ensure smooth and transparent operations. "Building a business, join-

ing a corporate firm or practising by themselves — CAs can do it all. Therefore, this profession demands a deep commitment to ethical standards and analytical precision, besides the skills required," said Mehta, who aspires to create a legacy by establishing her firm.

Window of opportunities

Exchanging views on the competition levels for CA, Lakhota said, "Today, the number of candidates qualifying has increased considerably and so have the opportunities. Candidates are becoming more aware of available opportunities, and cross-border opportunities have increased significantly."

Seconding Lakhota's views, Shah opines, "Despite the challenging competition, the demand for CA remains substantial across India with a scope of expanding across various fields. Further, CAs have contributed to good and services tax (GST) growth, labour and competition laws implementation, start-up advisory, and are embracing new roles as start-up founders, content creators, and influencers in the financial domain."

Modern CAs are viewed as vibrant professionals wearing several hats — advisors, strategists and key decision-makers driving growth and innovation within businesses

CA Pruthvi D Mehta



Keeping up with the advancements

Evolving with new technological integrations and implementations plus healthy competition and demand, how will you keep up with the new alterations? Here are a few pointers from the interview with CA Suraj Lakhota and CA Virag Dilip Shah:

- Be in a position to solve crucial business problems
- Consistently demonstrate ethical conduct and technical excellence
- Adapt to changing environments
- Update knowledge and skills in technology-related areas such as digital finance, data analytics, Artificial Intelligence and international tax laws
- Stay abreast of emerging trends, technologies and regulatory changes

EARNEST EARNINGS

According to the insights shared by CA Suraj Lakhota, Co-Founder & Director of IndigoLearn EduTech and CA Virag Dilip Shah, Founder of Connect Easy, here's a list of top job roles among the lucrative jobs in the CA field and the average salary:

Roles	Earnings per annum
Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	₹30 - 200 lakh
Senior Finance Role	₹25 - 45 lakh
Partner at CA Firm	₹20 - 200 lakh
Tax Consultant	₹15 - 25 lakh
Internal Auditor	₹10 - 20 lakh
Management Consultant	₹10 - 30 lakh
Financial Analyst	₹6 - 18 lakh
Compliance Officer	₹10 - 20 lakh
Investment Banker	₹12 - 25 lakh

*Salaries vary depending on experience, industry and candidate



According to experience	Minimum CTC per annum
One to five years	₹12 - 15 lakh
Five to ten years	₹17 - 22 lakh
Ten to twenty years	₹26 - 32 lakh
Veterans of 20 years and beyond	₹38 lakh

* The highest domestic role offers a generous Rs 23.70 lakh per annum while international offers soar as high as a whopping Rs 49.20 lakh per annum

TOLL GATE ON THE WAY

AFTER clearing the Intermediate examinations, there's a toll gate on the pathway to the Final examinations. Curious about what that toll gate entails? It involves completing a few mandatory courses which are prerequisites for appearing in the Final exams...

SET A (COMPULSORY)	SET B (COMPULSORY)
Corporate and Economic Laws	Strategic Cost and Performance Management
SET C (OPT ONE)	SET D (OPT ONE)
1. Risk Management	1. The Constitution of India & Art of Advocacy
2. Sustainable Development and Sustainability Reporting	2. Psychology & Philosophy
3. Public Finance and Government Accounting	3. Entrepreneurship & Start-up Ecosystem
4. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016	4. Digital Ecosystem and Controls
5. International Taxation	
6. The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996	
7. Forensic Accounting	
8. Valuation	
9. Financial Services and Capital Markets	
10. Forex and Treasury Management	

All the sets assess students' skills, knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, evaluation and synthesis. To qualify for these modules, students have to score a minimum qualifying mark of 50% for each module.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) developed two courses: the Integrated Course on Information Technology and Soft Skills (ICITSS) and the Advanced Integrated Course on Information Technology and Soft Skills (Advanced ICITSS) to equip upcoming accountants with essential skills in information technology and soft skills.

Courses	Eligibility	Fee	Duration
ICITSS			
IT- Information Technology Training	After successful registration in the CA Intermediate course and before joining the practical training	₹ 6,500	Minimum six hours per day for 15 days
OC- Orientation Course		₹ 7,000	
Advanced ICITSS			
Adv ITT- Advanced Information Technology Training	After completion of practical training and before appearing for the Final level	₹ 7,500	Minimum six hours per day for 15 days
MCS- Management & Communication Skills		₹ 7,000	

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THE ROAD TO BECOMING A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT IS UNDOUBTEDLY CHALLENGING. WHETHER IT'S THE YEARS OF HUSTLE, DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OR CLEARING SEVERAL LEVELS OF EXAMS, WHAT CHALLENGES DO CAs FACE? SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONALS SHARE THE OBSTACLES THEY ENCOUNTERED ALONG THEIR JOURNEY

HAVING worked extensively in the field of finance, accounts and taxation for over eight years, CA Virag Dilip Shah, Founder of Connect Easy, opines that public expectations from CAs are often immense. "People often expect CAs to have comprehensive knowledge across various domains like tax laws, finance regulations and stock markets. However, with the trend inclining towards spe-

cialisation and super-specialisation in practice, providing immediate guidance becomes challenging," he explained, adding that despite best efforts, many may not have the depth of expertise in certain areas. "However, these challenges have spurred us to continuously enhance our knowledge and skills to serve clients better and maintain the trust and respect of the CA profession," he adds. Suraj Lakhota, Co-Founder

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to win



CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

& Director of IndigoLearn EduTech, opines, "Keeping myself updated with the transformations and implementations after I qualified was challenging. Companies Act was introduced followed by the release of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) and Goods and Service Tax (GST)." As a teacher, he feels he must

stay abreast of the latest updates in the field as students seek shortcuts to success. "We need to educate them in a way that they prioritise conceptual understanding of subjects," he said. Mehta, who hails from a small town in Kutch, prepared for her exams with limited resources. With exhausting study

schedules, a vast syllabus, stress and failure at times, Mehta opined that every challenge she faced in the journey of becoming a CA taught her a new lesson. In conclusion, Lakhota termed networking as an important aspect of CA. "Networking can get you business and can determine your progress," he said. Appreciating the steps taken by ICAI in advancing financial literacy, Shah aims to continue thriving and excelling with dedication.

Vision for the future

In response to the rising demand for Chartered Accountants, how will the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) facilitate the need? ICAI President CA Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal shares invaluable insights with Edexlive in an exclusive interview about AI integration and building more Centres of Excellence

SPEAKING ABOUT TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS, INCORPORATING AI INTO ICAI'S FRAMEWORK WAS PART OF YOUR ROADMAP. COULD YOU PLEASE ELABORATE ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND ITS ROLE IN HELPING CAs, STUDENTS, AND EMPLOYEES?

Reply: At ICAI, we recognise the transformative potential of AI in enhancing the educational and professional landscape for our members and stakeholders. Implementing AI is not merely about adopting new technology but is a strategic move to streamline operations, optimise learning outcomes, and enhance service delivery within the accountancy profession.

IMPLEMENTATION OF AI TECHNOLOGIES

Our approach to integrating AI involves several key strategies

a) Automation of routine tasks: We are deploying AI systems to automate time-consuming and repetitive administrative tasks

b) Enhanced Data Analytics: AI tools are being utilised to handle large datasets more efficiently

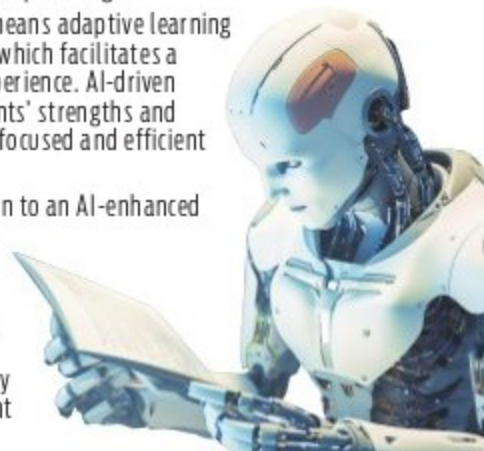
c) Personalised learning: For our students, AI technologies are set to tailor the educational content to fit individual learning paces and preferences

ROLE OF AI IN ASSISTING CAs, STUDENTS, AND EMPLOYEES:

For Chartered Accountants: AI enables more sophisticated analysis and forecasting tools that can predict market trends, audit financial statements with higher precision, and provide extensive financial consultations based on deep data insights. These capabilities enhance the advisory roles of CAs, making them indispensable in strategic financial planning.

For students: AI in education means adaptive learning systems and automated testing, which facilitates a more customised educational experience. AI-driven analytics can help identify students' strengths and weaknesses, allowing for a more focused and efficient study process.

For employees: As we transition to an AI-enhanced workplace, our focus will also be on upskilling and reskilling our workforce. Training programmes are designed not only to help our employees use these new tools effectively but also to ensure they excel in a tech-driven environment



The Committee AI in ICAI has launched ChatGPT — ICAI e-Journal integrating advanced technology with the institute's journal database. In addition to this, it will soon come out with four more ChatGPT regarding ICAI Acts and Regulations, Digital Accounting and Assurance Regulations, Financial Reporting Review Standards and Ethical Standards. Further, more are in the pipeline. Additionally, ICAI will soon establish AI labs for research activities.

SETTING UP 11 CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE ACROSS THE COUNTRY WAS IN THE PIPELINE. PLEASE ELABORATE ON ITS PROGRESS, THE REGIONS WHERE THESE CENTRES ARE BEING ESTABLISHED AND HOW ARE THEY GOING TO HELP CA CANDIDATES.

Reply: The Centre of Excellence (CoE) established by the ICAI serves as a hub for advanced learning, research, and development in the field of accounting and finance. At present ICAI has two CoEs at Hyderabad and Jaipur. Further, ICAI plans to open nine more CoEs across the country in the next three years fostering research, innovation and skill-building. It offers specialised training programmes, workshops, seminars, and conferences to enhance the skills and knowledge of CAs and accounting professionals. The CoE also collaborates with industry experts, academic institutions, and regulatory bodies.

Recently, the council approved the policy document on the CoE aiming to foster research, innovation and learning within the accounting profession and position ICAI globally as a thought leader. The document outlines the vision, mission, goals, governing structure, action plan and monitoring benchmark for ICAI-CoE.



HOW DO YOU THINK BEING A CA IS PERCEIVED TODAY? IS THE PROFESSION ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS?

Reply: Chartered Accountants (CA) are often viewed as highly skilled professionals with expert knowledge in auditing, accounting, taxation, finance and business. However, in today's rapidly evolving business landscape, the role of a CA has expanded beyond traditional accounting tasks. Today's CAs are involved in strategic planning, business consulting, risk management, and more.

What sets CAs apart is their multidisciplinary approach. They seamlessly blend their financial acumen with insights from diverse fields such as economics, law, and technology to provide solutions to complex business challenges. Whether it's analysing financial data to inform strategic decisions, advising on tax optimisation strategies, or assessing the impact of regulatory changes on business operations, CAs bring a unique perspective that goes beyond numbers.

Apart from playing a crucial role in ensuring the financial health of enterprises by driving business efficiency and profitability, CAs also contribute to policy-making processes, tax reforms, and financial regulations, reflecting their importance in shaping the economic and regulatory landscapes of the country.

Moreover, being a CA is often associated with financial stability and good earning potential. The profession is known for its lucrative career opportunities. And with their qualifications recognised worldwide, CAs have opportunities globally. The intellectual nature of the work, diverse career opportunities, and respect in society continue to make CA a highly regarded profession.





DAY'S DIARY

Billionaire rapper

Forbes magazine named Jay-Z officially as world's first billionaire rapper on this day in 2019 after estimating his wealth

DEBUT ALBUM

Jay-Z and two friends founded their own company, Roc-A-Fella Records, to release his debut album, *Reasonable Doubt* (1996), which eventually sold more than a million copies



ACCOLADES

In 2004, he assumed the presidency of Def Jam Recordings, making him the most highly placed African American executives in the industry



OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

He was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame in 2021. In 2018, he and Beyoncé, billed as the Carters, unveiled *Everything Is Love*

Jack of all fruits

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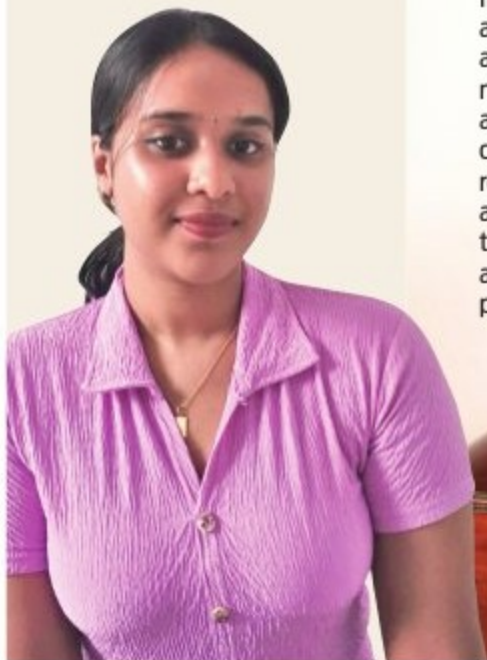
Get the 'party' started, say B'lureans, who share their hopes and expectations for the post-election future, and the changes or continuities they expect depending on the outcome, ahead of the results of the Lok Sabha elections

A GAME OF THRONES



Aadha Anand, student

The current government seems to be poised to win. The turnout hasn't been great this time. I believe the Opposition should have won because there are usually different governments every time, and change can be beneficial. When the same government stays in power, they push through their set ideas. Recently, there's been a lot of communal unease. For instance, during certain celebrations, some of my friends from minority communities felt unsafe going out. While the current leadership may have done well on a global stage, I don't see significant local improvements. There are many internal issues, like the Manipur crisis, and unemployment that were hardly addressed by the leadership. Additionally, while it's essential to provide resources for development, things like free rations, electricity, and transport for women should be reassessed. These are ultimately funded by taxpayers. Instead of giving unemployed a stipend, offering skill-based classes to help them get jobs would be more beneficial.



Ranjani Raghavan, actor

There's a perception that many B'loreans don't vote. However, the reality is that even those who want to vote find that voter lists are not updated. We need accurate and timely updates to these lists. It's important that more people take an interest in politics, especially the youth. I admit that I wasn't interested either, partly due to the negative perception of politicians as corrupt and the belief that individual opinions don't matter in a corrupt system. This impression makes people feel that their voices have no impact. This is the projection we have, especially from my generation's perspective. We feel that only a certain group of people benefits while the common person is neglected. This sentiment is reinforced by the government. The government should build trust with the people. Gaining trust and confidence is essential for progress and will help us move forward together.



PYAAR KE PALI

Commemorating the second death anniversary of Bollywood musician K.K. popular singer **Amit Jadhav** along with renowned artists - Leslee Lewis, Sumedh Sanjay, Kamaljeet Singh Rathore - brought to life nostalgic melodies in a mega tribute organised by Alive India

Keshav Prashant, law student

Regardless of party ideology, the government should focus on improving the per capita GDP rather than just the overall GDP. We often boast about being the fifth-largest economy, but not about our abysmal per capita GDP. Secondly, there should be more priority given to the health and education sectors. It is shocking to know that spending on these two sectors accounts for only around 5 per cent of the total GDP. As a country, we also need to improve our foreign relations with our neighbours and other countries. We have many unresolved issues with our neighbours. Since 2019, we've seen increasing hostilities. Meanwhile, the country regularly faces acute shortages during the summer. The central government, regardless of who is in power, should draft policies to conserve water and save water bodies. Although we have rainwater harvesting initiatives, they are insufficient. We need to protect lakes and other water bodies, as we are losing them to land development and failing to store water during the rainy season.



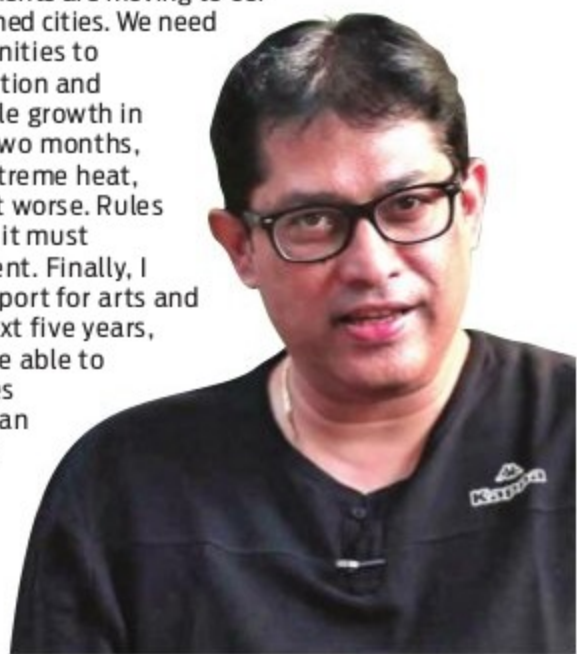
Manasi Prasad, singer

I would like a government that prioritises ecology along with the economy, inclusion alongside income, and culture balanced with cash flow. Regardless of whether there is a change in government or if the same government continues, I believe the focus on infrastructure development should keep growing, and the effects of GDP growth should reach all sections of society. I'm cautiously optimistic about the future of our country. I believe young India has unlimited potential, and the government must act as an enabler and catalyst to multiply these effects. Our role as citizens doesn't end with casting a vote; we must remain engaged with local and national issues to hold the new government accountable for the promises made.



Ritwik Simha, thespian

There are a few issues we as a society should focus on. First, we should definitely do something for the youth. Today, India is one of the youngest countries in the world. This demographic dividend will be there for only a short period, maybe five or seven years. Hopefully, wise leaders will come to power and harness this potential, moving society in the right direction. We are also a rapidly-ageing society. In the next 10 or 15 years, we will have 400 to 500 million senior citizens. We are doing absolutely nothing for them. We must also address the needs of rural and semi-urban areas. These segments are moving to our already-overburdened cities. We need to provide opportunities to prevent this migration and support sustainable growth in cities. In the last two months, India has faced extreme heat, and it will only get worse. Rules alone won't work; it must become a movement. Finally, I hope for more support for arts and culture. For the next five years, everyone should be able to express themselves without fear. Art can heal our polarised society. The government should support all artists in this effort.



CITY READ

Institute inaugurates new office

GITAM (Deemed to be University) has inaugurated a new city office in Bengaluru. This new office aims to strengthen collaboration with over 25 industry partners, fostering an environment of innovation and mutual growth. It will also offer executive education programmes, short courses, and certifications tailored to industry professionals, addressing the critical need for continuous learning and professional development in today's rapidly-evolving job market.



New street food-inspired menu

Geist Brewing Co., has launched a new food and cocktail menu inspired by popular street food from around the world. The menu features bistro-style dishes and famous street food snacks reimagined as drinks, including sriracha GFC, GBC vada pav, not a Mysore pak, and coco manga. Taking flavours from around the world and adapting it to appeal to both Indian and global palates, it is designed to encourage new experiences and flavours. The menu is available at all their outlets, with an approximate cost of ₹2,000 for two. For more details, contact 88677 07102.



Tulu singer-songwriter Praveen Alva's recently-released EP *Neerh*, conveys four stories about different forms of water

MONIKA MONALISA

TULU singer and songwriter **Praveen Alva** is very passionate about two things: his mother tongue Tulu, and music. He is bringing both of them together in his debut album *Neerh*, meaning water. Coming from the coastal part of Karnataka, Alva has a special connection with water and the stories associated with it. "I write songs in Tulu and many of them are in a storytelling form because Tulu is an oral culture, which survives mostly through stories or rituals. It is also my way to make people realise that you can use an ancient language in a contemporary way," says Alva.

The EP features four songs, all of which are based on different settings of water. "The first song is called *Kadal Poiye*, which means ocean and sand. The feel of the song is like a

happy carnival song. The second is called *Posa Ponnu*. It's about a grandmother in a house singing in anticipation of a new bride coming home. In coastal regions, it often pours when it rains and there are instances when a new bride has come home in a boat. We have designed it in such a way that you can hear the sound of rowing; there is a sense of vulnerability in the song," explains Alva.

The third song is *Bar-sada Rathreydani*, which translates to 'rainy night' and the song has a lot of sound effects denoting this. Since Tulu is still new to many, Alva has given a lot of impor-

GOING WITH THE FLOW



tance to getting the sounds right. "Even if someone doesn't understand the language, the sounds you hear should convey the message. I have grown up listening to Tamil songs by AR Rahman, not understanding the language but even so enjoying the music because I connected with it," says Alva, whose fourth song is *Kadalanghi Sukha Und-hugey*, meaning happiness across the ocean.

For his debut album, Alva decided to go with one of the four songs due to budget constraints. "I have close to 35-40 songs - around 90 minutes in length. But everything comes at a cost, so I thought why not go slow with it? Though interesting, at the end of the day, it boils down to money," says Alva, who also runs a Tulu music band called Alva Kuuto.



Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to bengaluruexpress@gmail.com with the subject line: "Food quiz". The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Monday. The first-prize winner will receive a voucher worth ₹1,000 from TheLagran - JP Nagar**

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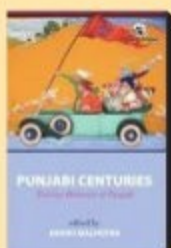
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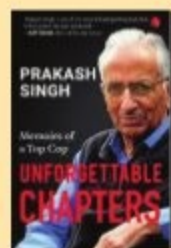
A Nawab and a Begum
Sudipta Mitra
This is a story of a nawab and a begum. With simultaneous biographies knit together in one book, this is an attempt to explore the enigmatic relationship between Wajid Ali Shah and his unsung warrior queen, Begum Hazrat Mahal.



Punjabi Centuries: Tracing Histories of Punjab
Anshu Malhotra
The book highlights some critically important issues. Including India, Pakistan and the diaspora, the volume focuses on the crucial nineteenth and twentieth centuries, leading up to the present.



Ayurveda, Nation and Society: United Provinces, c. 1890-1950
Saurav Kumar Rai
The book captures the late nineteenth and early twentieth century growth of 'medical nationalism' through the Ayurvedic revivalist movement in the United Provinces, and observes the ensuing change and continuity in the attitude towards 'indigenous' medicine in independent India.



Unforgettable Chapters: Memoirs of a Top Cop
Prakash Singh
Readers are invited into the gripping world of law enforcement through the eyes of a seasoned officer who navigated the murky waters of crime and insurgency.



WINGING IT

Students of the Indian Institute of Fashion Technology showcase their collection at their annual fashion show on Saturday | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

SCRAMBLED MILK TOAST

INGREDIENTS

- **Bread:** 2 slices
- **Milk:** As required
- **Honey:** As per taste

METHOD

- In a pan, add two slices of bread.
- Once the pan heats up, add milk and scramble it together.
- Let the bread soak all the milk.
- Plate your snack, drizzle some honey, add your favourite toppings like fruits, chocolate chips or dry fruits and enjoy!



Contributed by **Purvi R, Mettupalayam**

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Play with Colours

Join the acrylic wall hanging painting workshop, mix the colours in the palette and let the paintbrush create landscapes of creativity in the wooden plank you can take back home.

🕒 **WHEN:** June 4, 5pm

📍 **WHERE:** Art Beat, HSR layout

📄 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Unwind with Words

Enjoy some calm and quiet time, surrounded by the beauty of nature and share book recommendations with a community of book enthusiasts. It is a good way the network with like-minded people.

🕒 **WHEN:** June 4, 7am

📍 **WHERE:** Agara Lake, HSR layout

📄 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Make your Own

Let your child dive into a world of colours, textures, and imagination with a diverse range of hands-on projects. Join an exciting and fun-filled Kids Summer Camp where young artists can explore their creativity through a variety of art and craft activities.

🕒 **WHEN:** June 5, 11am

📍 **WHERE:** SmallWorld, Koramangala

📄 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Unraveling Life

Kaayuva Kaayaka, written by H Dundiraj, a leading Kannada poet, playwright, and humourist, shows a man's quest, dilemmas, conflicts, and happiness. The play, directed by Archana Shyam, has all the ingredients like humour, wit, and repartee.

🕒 **WHEN:** June 5, 730pm

📍 **WHERE:** Ranga Shankara, JPNagar

📄 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

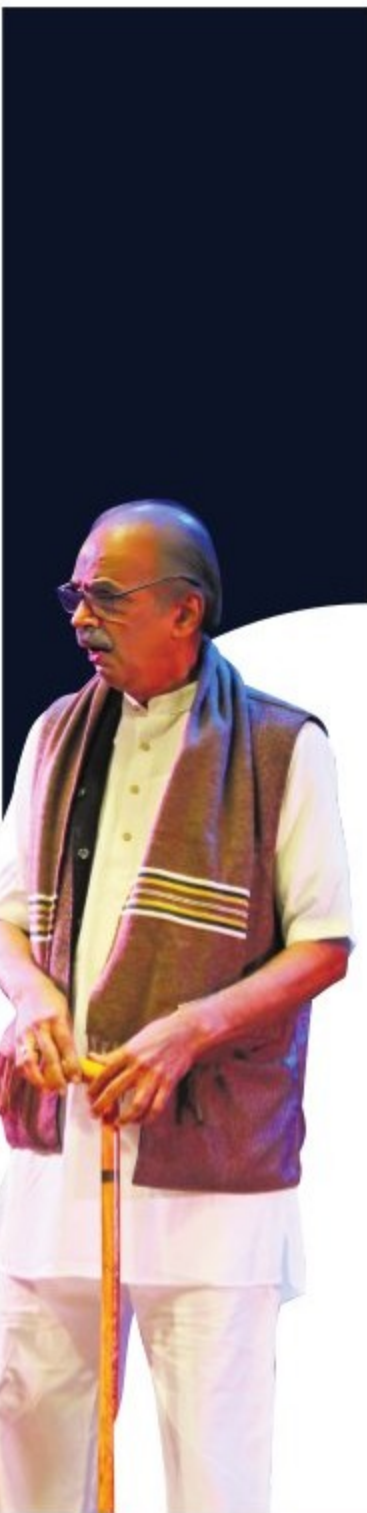


Humour Time

Go and listen to some rib-tickling jokes and funny stories by local comedians. Have a fun-filled Monday evening as you experience comedy club vibes. 🕒 **WHEN:** June 3, 8.30 pm

📍 **WHERE:** The Art Gully Studio, Koramangala

📄 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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SUPTA BADDHA KONASANA (RECLINED BUTTERFLY WITH BOLSTER)

This is a restorative yoga pose, practised with the support of a bolster, which elevates the back and head with many benefits. It encourages downward flow of prana (life force), which is known as apana vayu, eliminating the waste from the body (kidney, colon, bladder, rectum, genitals), keeping a balanced healthy body. This great way to end a yoga sequence, focusing more on the breath.

STEPS

- Start in Dandasana (staff pose). Place a bolster lengthwise just behind the back. Avoid sitting on it.
- Inhale, start going backward with the support of the bolster. Place the elbows on the ground for support.
- Exhale, place your head and shoulders on the bolster, stretching the arms out on the sides with palms facing up.
- Exhale, ensure the whole of the head, neck, upper back, middle back and lower back is supported by the bolster.
- Bring the chin down to elongate the neck and relax the facial muscles.
- Inhale, bring the feet closer together. Press the soles of the feet in namaste with toes pointing forward.
- Press the outer knee on the ground, experiencing the stretch in the inner thighs and groin area. Bring the heels closer to the groin. Breathe.
- Get comfortable with the pose, ensuring no unnecessary stretch anywhere. Stay in the pose as per your capacity.
- Slowly stretch the legs out and relax the knees and ankle.
- Inhale, bend both knees to point to the ceiling. Raise the arms slightly away from hips towards the shoulders and relax in Savasana Bent On Bolster.
- Repeat if you wish to.

BENEFITS

- Helps release tightness around the hips and back.
- Gently stretches the hips, knees, lower back, chest and neck.
- Helps elevation of the chest, breathing becomes easier as it relaxes the body.
- A grounding and cooling practice.
- Benefit students with severe back pain.
- Releases stress and tensions stored in the hips and shoulders.
- Included in senior yoga as a great practice to overcome insomnia.
- Helps with improved digestion, reduces symptoms related to IBD (Inflammatory Bowel Disease)
- Helps better functioning of bladder to release issues related to Urinary Incontinence (UI).
- Helps in releasing built up negative energy by activating the Parasympathetic Nervous System of the body.
- Helps in better functioning of the reproductive organs, easing menstruation.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who have injuries in the back, hips, ankles or shoulders, have undergone any surgery here, have groin injury, ligament tears or worn down joints, severe back-pain or herniated disc, acute rheumatoid arthritis, weak hip joints or degenerated spine, scoliosis, kyphosis, or high blood pressure, severe sciatica and asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), prolapsed uterus problem, should avoid this.
- Prenatal women should practice only if they are comfortable with their breath. Else it should be avoided.



By **N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai**

ARTCORNER



MEMORIES ON CANVAS

'Vitals' by Al-An deSouza is a digital painting on Baryta paper based on one of the photographs that deSouza took of their father's apartment after he died in 2018.



Sri Lankan Jackfruit Curry

Ingredients

- Coconut oil: 80 ml
- Raw jackfruit: 350 g (cubes)
- Sri Lankan roasted curry powder: 15 g
- Garlic: 10 g (chopped)
- Ginger: 10 g (chopped)
- Turmeric powder: 3 g
- Black pepper powder: 5 g
- Cinnamon stick: 1
- Salt: To taste
- Curry leaves: 1 sprig
- Shallots: 20 g (peeled)
- Coconut milk: 50 ml (thick)
- Tamarind pulp: 15 ml
- Sugar: 5 g
- Panda leaves: 3

Recipes by Chef Arun Vijayan

Method: Heat oil in a pan and add cinnamon sticks, garlic, ginger, shallot and salt. Saute until it turns transparent and add all the seasonings, panda leaves and jack fruit cubes. Add water and allow to boil. Boil the jackfruit cubes until tender. Add tamarind pulp and curry leaves. Finish with adding coconut milk and mix gently.

By Sheeba Le Fleur

Ingredients: To pressure cook:
● Raw jackfruit: 500 g ● Water: 2 cups
● Salt: 1/2 tsp ● Turmeric powder: 1/4 tsp

Marinade: ● Curd: 1/4 cup ● Gram flour: 1 tbsp ● Kashmiri chilli powder: 1 tsp ● Turmeric powder: 1/4 tsp ● Garam masala: 1/2 tsp ● Mustard oil: 2 tbsp ● Lemon juice: 1 tbsp ● Salt: As per taste

For tandoor: ● Capsicum: 1 cup (diced) ● Onion: 1 cup (diced)

Tandoori Jackfruit



Method: Cut and clean jackfruit, scrapping the outer skin. Cut it into cubes and pressure cook with turmeric powder, salt and water. Wait for 1 whistle (Do not overcook). Drain the water and spread jackfruit over a kitchen towel. Mix the tandoori masala. Marinate jackfruit pieces with the masala and let it rest for 20 minutes. Arrange the marinated jackfruit cubes, diced capsicum, and diced onions in skewers. Tandoor grill each side for 2 minutes. Serve hot with pudina chutney.

Kerala Style Stir-fried Jackfruit

Ingredients: ● Raw jackfruit: 350 g (shredded) ● Red chilli: 15 g ● Garlic: 10 g ● Shallots: 15 g ● Salt: To taste ● Curry leaves: 2 sprigs ● Coriander leaves: 3 g (chopped) ● Turmeric powder: 2 g ● Black pepper: 5 g (crushed) ● Coconut: 20 g (slices) ● Mustard seed: 3 g ● Onions: 20 g (sliced) ● Coconut oil: 80 ml

Method: Crush shallots, garlic and whole red chilli together. Heat coconut oil in a pan and temper the mustard seeds. Add coconut slices, onion slices and crushed masala. Cook for a few minutes, add the seasonings and shredded jackfruit. Cook for 5 minutes in slow heat and stir fry for 2 minutes. Finish with adding coriander and curry leaves. Enjoy with rice.

PARVANA KB

HERE is nothing quite like jackfruit to turn a regular day into a celebration at home. When the sweet scent drifts through the backyard, it is like a magnet pulling everything together under the shade of the jackfruit tree. With great care, the giant fruit is brought down and transported to the kitchen. Cutting it takes a lot of effort to avoid the sticky sap clinging to our hands and clothes. That is where the oil comes in handy. The seed of the fruit is also not thrown away. They may seem small, but they are mighty when it comes to flavour, and will be the star ingredient in the delicious curries in the coming days.

The origin

Jackfruits, scientifically known as *Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam.*, is an emotion and an experience. These largest tree fruits on the planet are believed to have originated in the lush rainforests of the Western Ghats. Some research suggests India as its place of origin. It can be traced to Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Kerala, dating back around 3,000-6,000 years. Also, jackfruits have been cultivated in India for thousands of years, earning its status as one of the oldest cultivated fruits in the world. As time passed, jackfruit found its way beyond the borders, spreading its branches across Southeast Asia, including countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and the Philippines. In Sri Lanka, it has been a staple food since ancient times, serving as a reliable source of sustenance for both people



JACK OF ALL FRUITS

and livestock, especially during times of scarcity when staple foodgrain were in short supply.

Despite its South Asian origins, jackfruit has made itself at home in tropical and subtropical regions around the world. Warm and moist climates in Asia, Africa, and some parts of South America provide the ideal conditions for jackfruit trees to thrive.

There are numerous strains of jackfruit, with around 30 varieties found in the Indian subcontinent and another 30 types in Malaysia. The main varieties are firm and soft, each offering unique textures and flavours.

Cultural significance

The name 'jackfruit' actually comes from the Malayalam word *chakka*. Interestingly,

the journey of the name 'jackfruit' began with the observations of Portuguese scholar Garcia da Orta in 1563. He encountered this unique fruit during his explorations in the Indian subcontinent and referred to it as *jaca* in his writings.

The fruit finds its way into celebrations, weddings, and daily meals, serving as a main course, snack, and even dessert option. There are the crowd's favourites like curries, where the seed is sliced and cooked with coconut mylk, raw mangoes and curry leaves.

However, for many, nothing tops the scrumptious medley of flavours in jackfruit steamed with spices, a preparation of mashed raw jackfruit, mixed with a spicy coconut paste and flavoured with

mustard seeds, curry leaves, and coconut oil. It pairs well with fish curry and in some regions, the preference is for pork. Back in the day, after a long day on the field, this dish was in demand as it could easily satiate a person due to its high starch content and nutritious value. Then comes the sweet delight of Kerala, *chakka varatti*, prepared in a large *uruli* in which jackfruit puree, ghee, jaggery and cardamom are stirred for long hours on a low flame. The laborious halwa-like dessert is a sought-after one. New arrivals like tandoori jackfruit and jackfruit ice cream also prove that one can create an endless number of dishes with jackfruits.

(With inputs from Mahima Anna Jacob)

CE explores the journey of jackfruit, uncovering its origin, cultural significance, health benefits, and culinary versatility

IT TAKES TIME TO KILL TIME



(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

N Hades II, you play as Melinoë, the fierce and immortal Princess of the underworld. When she isn't fighting in battles with the help of powerful Olympians, she is in her bedroom, talking to her pet frog and ghost roommate. But I don't envy her: You see, the Greek god of time, Chronos, holds her father Hades captive in the depths of Tartarus. And she has taken on the rather futile attempt of defeating Chronos. I do, however, help her prepare for the fight at night. I arm her with weapons and powerful arcanacards that boost her health and magical abilities. I then follow her as she enters the dark forests of 'Erebus' – the first level in her journey to Tartarus.

Each clearing in this forest is a battle site. She encounters several beasts, defeats them to receive blessings. The blessings are varied and randomised – a helpful Olympian gives her a special power, or she discovers materials for potions, or she shops for upgrades in Charon's wells. She moves ahead, crossing many such clearings, with upgrades along the way – before she reaches the first boss battle. At any point, given her limited health, she might die. At least, in the way an immortal god can die – by respawning in her bedroom, unscathed. She must then restart the entire battle. Like the original Hades, Hades II is also a rogue-like game. Failing repeatedly is non-optional. Go down the forest, kill beasts, get loot, die. Use the loot to buy small permanent upgrades, and re enter the battlefield. You get a little bit further ahead every time.

It is immediately evident that Hades II is much bigger than the original game from 2018. For starters, the new game has about a dozen new Olympians that "bless" Melinoë. You might chance upon Hestia, whose best power is inflicting a lasting "scorch" on the attacked enemy. Or Narcissus, who showers you with precious metals. He resides in perpetuity in 'Oceanus', deep down in the underworld. I think the symbolism here is that he enjoys his reflection so much, that he now lives in the water realm. Yes, I now know a lot more about relationships, lore, and powers in Greek mythology than I ever cared for.

The game is also slightly different from the original. The underworld is now witch-themed, in a Halloween party kind of way. There's a cauldron for brew-

ing potions, and a shiny new witch's staff as a primary weapon. A goddess with a big witch's hat turns you into a sheep every time you meet her in battle. There's also a trail of cobwebs to follow in the forest that leads you to an enchanted spider.

What's changed most are the meta-progression elements. Sometimes, the entire point of a run is not getting to Chronos, but collecting resources to buy upgrades. Take the Arcana system – this replaces the magical mirror in the original game that provided permanent boosts. I consider this new system cursed and unfair, because there are limits to the number of holdable Arcana cards, and some of these are mandatory. Starting out with a weak 30 HP of health, means that Melinoë can't get out of holding the card that has a 20 HP upgrade. Now, that's already one



out of four cards that can be initially equipped. I can't even swap this out for better cards in the game. I do however, like the potions system. It gives interesting add-ons to the journey ahead, like meeting new characters and unlocking bits of story. Making friends with the underworld characters is also now more valuable – they give you keepsakes that provide bonus blessings, luck, and armor. Optimising and choosing the right weapon + card + keepsake combination is a skill that requires patience to master.

My biggest problem with Hades II is its steep learning curve. It's punishing if you haven't played enough of the original. The meta-progression balances this out, but only minimally. For example, if you aren't naturally good at the game, you will still find your way to new story elements. But this is a game that's constantly improving – which means there are opportunities for changes. Hades II is currently still in Early Access, fixing its way towards its final release later this year. Priced at ₹1,300, it is now available for the PC through Steam and the Epic Games store. It is expected to be out for console platforms in future. Buy it, if you're willing to take the time.

(The writer's views are personal)

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I, the undersigned JIPSA SUNNY MANGWANI, (New Name) previously called JIPSA RANI P.P. recorded in Aadhaar Card, as JIPSA RANI P.P in Pan Card, as JIPSA RANI PUZHUVI PUTHIYA PURAVIL in passport, (Old names), resident of No. 9, 8th Cross, Chinnappanahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560 037, do hereby solemnly declare and state that I have changed my name as **JIPSA SUNNY MANGWANI** from **JIPSA RANI P.P** and **JIPSA RANI PUZHUVI PUTHIYA PURAVIL** by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public, Mr. K.B. Sadha Shivappa on 31.05.2024 for all purposes.

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I, VINAY K S SHETTY, Aged about 31 years, S/o. Shivaram K.M. Residing at Hunasekoppa, Narasimharajapura, Koppa, Melpal, Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka - 577 112, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VINAYA .K.S.** to **VINAY K S SHETTY** vide affidavit dated 01.06.2024 sworn to before Y.R. Chandrasekar, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

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I, KUMAL V SHINDE W/o ROHIT N. age 39 years, R/at Anjandri Enclave, No. 24/93, Flat No. 005, 9th Cross, 2nd Main, Muneshwara Temple, Parimalanagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-96 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **KUMAL V SHINDE, KOMALA V, KOMALA** and **KOMAL SHINDE** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **KOMAL V SHINDE** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 1-6-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA N.R.**, at Bangalore.

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I, SUNEERA ASHARAF, residing at #2605, 2nd Floor, 26th Main Road, 37th B Cross Road, Near Union Bank, Jayanagara 9th Block, Bengaluru South, Jayanagar East, Bengaluru- 560069, have changed my name to **SUNIRA ASHARAF RT** vide affidavit dated: 28.05.2024 before advocate and notary S. Vijayakumar, Bangalore

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Chikkanna



AP ARJUN TO PRODUCE CHIKKANNA'S NEXT

Raj Guru, who made his directorial debut with *Kerebete*, will be helming the upcoming project

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FOLLOWING his lead role in *Upadhyaksha*, actor Chikkanna is all set to star in an upcoming film, once again as the lead. Industry sources have revealed that director AP Arjun, known for films like *Adhuri*, *Ambari*, *Kiss*, and *Mr Airavata*, will be producing the project. The film will be helmed by Raj Guru, who made his directorial debut with *Kerebete*.

It is worth mentioning that *Kerebete*, directed by Raj Guru starring Gowri Shankar, recently completed 50 days in theatres.

It has also been learned that the film will go into production only after the release of AP Arjun's directorial project, *Martin*, starring Dhruva Sarja. *Martin* is slated to hit theaters on October 11. Apart from Chikkanna's project, Arjun is also producing *Addhuri Lover*, starring Virat and Priyanka Kumar, and he has lined up another project.

While further details about the film are still under wraps, reports state the film is billed as a commercial drama that rides high on emotions. Chikkanna, who has over 250 films in his credit and is best known for his comedy performances, found instant success as the lead in *Upadhyaksha*. The family entertainer is directed by Anil Kumar and is set in a village. The film, produced by Umapathy Srinivas Gowda, featured debutante Malaika Vasupal as the female lead. *Upadhyaksha* garnered a wide reception for showcasing Chikkanna in a hero avatar. Meanwhile, Chikkanna is in talks with a couple more directors, inching closer to locking projects in the lead roles.

Giancarlo Esposito in new Captain America movie

AFTER a number of speculations, it was finally confirmed that actor **Giancarlo Esposito** will be joining the cast of Marvel's *Captain America: Brave New World*.

Even though there is no official word on the kind of role he is cast in, sources close to the team reveal that he will be playing a "villainous role". The upcoming film is all set to launch Anthony Mackie's Sam Wilson as the new Captain America in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige said the upcoming

film will be on the lines of *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* (2014). He said the fourth instalment would be "a grounded action thriller with no aliens."



Captain America: Brave New World would feature the ensemble cast that also includes Danny Ramirez, Carl Lumbly, Tim Blake Nelson, Harrison Ford, Liv Tyler, and Shira Haas. The upcoming film is directed by Julius Onah and is produced by Kevin Feige, Nate Moore and Malcolm Spellman. *Captain America: Brave New World* will be released in the US on February 14, 2025.

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Chaithra Achar's perspective as an actor is refreshingly straightforward: Whether her film is set for a silver screen outing or a straight OTT release, her focus remains solely on being the face of compelling stories. For the *Toby* and *Blink* actor, the essence of filmmaking lies in delivering her best performance, regardless of the scale or platform. While the audience's comfort and the reach of the film are the producer's responsibilities, she is willing to dedicate herself to giving her all in every role she undertakes. "Be it a feature film or a short project, my commitment is to the quality of the content above all else," opines Chaithra, as she talks on the side lines of her next, *Happy Birthday To Me*, which is being directed by Rakesh Kadri, produced by Shoolin Movies, and distributed by Esha Film. The upcoming film is getting a direct OTT release on June 28 and will be streamed on more than a couple of platforms like AirTel Xstream Hungama Play, Just Watch, and Tata Play Binge, among others.

Happy Birthday To Me is a dark comedy film revolving around a birthday where people stumble upon a dead body, bringing chaos and fun to the forefront," explains Chaithra. "It's a pure comedy and my first venture into this genre. Don't you think, after three years of effort, it deserves a silver screen release?" Chaithra further elaborates, "I asked the director, but I understand that this film includes a lot of swear words commonly used among friends. The director didn't want them muted as it would dilute the essence. If these words were censored, the film would lose its authenticity. So he plays it safe by bringing it on OTT platforms." According to the actor, *Happy Birthday to Me* was originally planned as a Tulu film, but the director opted for Kannada to widen its appeal. "Since it's a fun script, he wanted everyone to relate to it," Chaithra explains.

Negotiations with prominent OTT platforms are ongoing, with an option to include censorship changes if required. "People will watch it

A still from the film



'Swear words in 'Happy Birthday To Me' may face silver screen muting'

...says Chaithra, as she discusses her upcoming dark comedy-drama, her Tamil debut, and plans for the future

regardless of the platform. Remember my previous film, *Blink*? It initially had eight shows in theatres, but eventually expanded to 80, all through word of mouth. A good story will make that happen," says the actor. Chaithra further asserts, "For me, it's all about making movies. Whether it's viewed on the big screen or a small screen, what matters is the impact. My focus is on delivering my best in every role I take on. Whether it's a blockbuster or a short film, content is key. I don't limit myself based on where the film will be released, my priority is to give my all. Whether it's working with established actors like Rakshit Shetty or Rajinikanth, or working with newcomers, I'm open to diverse opportunities as long as the story connects with me. I strive to be ap-

proachable and versatile, exploring different genres and collaborating with various teams."

Chaithra is thrilled to venture into Tamil cinema and hints at details about her upcoming project. She has signed a film and awaits the production house's official announcement. "It's going to be a good start for me, collaborating with a talented team and it is an exciting project," she says.

Apart from that, Chaithra is also part of Rohit Padaki's *Uttarakanda*, which is currently in production. "There's an-

other film directed by newcomer Hari, a dark suspense thriller starring myself, Praveen Tej, and Kiran Srinivas. We've completed seventy per cent of the shoot, and it's shaping up well. We'll talk more about it upon its release," she says.

Chaithra is comfortable not being labelled a heroine, even though she takes on lead roles in films. "Whether I am called a heroine or a supporting role, I should shine in a strong character. Being labelled a heroine might limit me. If I'm called an artist, I can explore various roles, even beyond acting. I can be called to sing, or even part of the art department. That's my approach, even in my photo-shoots. Everything is thoughtfully curated, ensuring no random skin shows. I can confidently don a bikini or a traditional dress. It's about connecting with people through my roles," she signs off.

RAMESH ARAVIND LAUNCHES CHEF CHIDAMBARA TRAILER



Aniruddha Jatkar



Nidhi Subbaiah

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The trailer for *Chef Chidambara*, starring Aniruddha Jatkar in the lead role, was released by the multi-hyphenate film personality Ramesh Aravind in a grand event, which was attended by other significant dignitaries. Following the trailer launch, Ramesh Aravind reminisced about his collaboration with actor Aniruddha, mentioning their past work together and extending his best wishes to the team. *Chef Chidambara*

is currently gearing up for a release on June 14.

Besides Aniruddha, the film also stars Sharath Lohitashwa, Nidhi Subbaiah, and Rachel David, among others. Billed as a dark comedy, *Chef Chidambara* is directed by Anand Raj. The trailer hints that the film revolves around a dead body. "The film is an entertainer that explores whether Chidambara is the mastermind behind the crime or merely a pawn caught up in it, with Sharath Lohitashwa appearing as a cop," explains Anand Raj, who has also made Aniruddha sing a titular track in the film. Produced by Roopa DN under Damthi Pictures, the film's technical team includes composer Ritwik Muralidhar, cinematographer Uday Leela, editor Chandru, and dialogue writer Ganesh Parashuram.

Chef Chidambara will hit theatres alongside Dhananjay's *Kotee* and Vasishta Simha's *Love LI*.



Preity Zinta wraps up Lahore 1947

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On Saturday, Preity Zinta took to social media to announce the wrap of her upcoming film *Lahore 1947*. Also starring Sunny Deol, the film marks Preity's return to the big screen after six years. Her last film was the 2018 comedy *Bhaiaji Superhit*, which also featured Sunny.

In the social media post, Preity shares, "It's definitely the toughest film I have worked on. Full marks to everyone for all their hard work and patience during the last couple of months."

Officially announced last year, the cast of *Lahore 1947* also includes Shabana Azmi, and Ali Fazal, along with Sunny's son Karan Deol. With cinematography by Santosh Sivan, the film has music composed by AR Rahman. It is backed by Aamir Khan. Preity and Sunny have worked together previously on films like *Hero: Love Story of a Spy* (2003) and *Farz* (2001).





TECH TRENDS AND TRANSFORMATIONS

The domain of technical and engineering education is undergoing rapid transformation, propelled by technological breakthroughs and the imperative for innovative solutions to global complexities. Karnataka, known as an emerging education hotspot, has made significant strides in the field of engineering and technical education. The state boasts a diverse educational landscape encompassing polytechnics, junior technical schools, and engineering courses, with a total of about 325 government, aided, and unaided institutions offering technical education.

But as the state grows to meet the global demands in the field, the state is also keeping up with the latest trends that will shape technical and engineering education of the future.

Primary Subjects in Future Technical and Engineering Education

■ **Interdisciplinary Learning:** Engineering education increasingly emphasises interdisciplinary approaches, fostering the integration of knowledge from diverse fields to effectively tackle multifaceted challenges.

■ **Sustainability:** The spotlight on sustainability continues to intensify, with a growing emphasis on nurturing engineers capable of devising enduring solutions to environmental dilemmas and harnessing renewable energy resources.

■ **Industry Collaboration:** Collaborative ventures with industries are becoming pivotal in engineering education, furnishing students with real-world projects and experiences essential for cultivating in-demand skills sought in the job market.

■ **Soft Skills Development:** In tandem with technical acumen, honing soft skills such as com-

munication, leadership, and problem-solving is becoming imperative for engineering students to excel in their careers.

Trends Shaping Future Technical and Engineering Education

■ Tech Infusion

The infusion of technology into education is reshaping engineering learning, ushering in a new era of innovation and accessibility. Online training platforms provide flexible learning opportunities, enabling students to engage with course materials at their own pace and convenience, breaking down geographical barriers and accommodating diverse learning styles.

Virtual labs offer immersive experiences, allowing students to conduct experiments and simulations in virtual environments, which can be particularly beneficial for disciplines where access to physical laboratories is limited. Interactive simulations provide hands-on learning experiences, enabling students to explore complex concepts in a safe and controlled setting, fostering deeper understanding and retention of knowledge.

As these trends gain prominence, engineering education becomes more dynamic and adaptable, equipping students with the skills and competencies needed to thrive in an ever-evolving technological landscape.

■ Experiential Learning

Embracing experiential learning, projects, and real-world experiences offers invaluable opportunities for students to bridge the gap between theory and practice in engineering education.

Engaging in hands-on projects allows students to confront real-world challenges, applying theoretical knowledge to practical



scenarios and honing their problem-solving abilities in authentic contexts. Through experiential learning, students not only gain a deeper understanding of complex concepts but also cultivate essential skills such as teamwork, communication, and adaptability.

Moreover, the experiential approach fosters creativity and innovation, empowering students to explore unconventional solutions and tackle emerging engineering challenges with confidence and resilience.

■ Automation and AI

Automation and artificial intelligence (AI) are forces reshaping the landscape of engineering education. By integrating automation and AI technologies into curriculum and pedagogy, educational institutions empower students to harness the power of these tools for innovation and problem-solving.

Through hands-on experiences with automation systems and AI algorithms, students gain

practical insights into streamlining processes, optimising resource utilisation, and enhancing productivity across various engineering domains. Moreover, exposure to automation and AI fosters a deeper understanding of the ethical implications and societal impacts of these technologies, preparing students to navigate complex ethical dilemmas and contribute responsibly to the advancement of engineering knowledge and practice.

■ **Focus on Sustainability**
The trend towards sustainability in engineering education encompasses educating students on conserving natural resources, leveraging renewable energy, and devising solutions for a more sustainable future.

■ **Diversity and Inclusion**
Efforts to bolster diversity and inclusion in engineering education are on the ascent, striving to tap into the diverse talent pool and foster a more inclusive and innovative engineering workforce.

These subjects and trends highlight a dynamic shift in technical and engineering education towards a more comprehensive and future-centric approach, equipping students to confront the challenges of tomorrow with a blend of technical prowess, soft skills, and a commitment to sustainability and innovation.

Emerging Technologies Shaping the Future of Engineering Education

Several emerging technologies are poised to profoundly reshape engineering education in the forthcoming years:

■ **Metaverse and Immersive Learning:** The metaverse, merging virtual, augmented, and physical realities, holds vast potential for crafting innovative learning experiences. Metaverse technology can facilitate virtual field trips, interactive simulations, and scenarios enabling learners to practice applying knowledge in controlled environments, particularly beneficial for disciplines like medicine and engineering.

■ **Generative AI and Personalised Learning:** Generative AI, capable of producing content across various mediums, can aid in crafting personalised lesson plans tailored to individual students' comprehension

levels and progress. This technology also assists students in exploring engineering prompts and understanding how to leverage AI tools to achieve specific objectives, nurturing critical thinking and creativity.

■ **Collaboration Tools and Interactive Learning:** Collaboration tools are revolutionising how engineering students and educators collaborate, enabling real-time communication and interaction irrespective of physical distances. Online whiteboards, learning management systems, and platforms for real-time project collaboration foster critical thinking, cooperation, team building, leadership, and communication skills.

■ **Hands-on Learning Labs and Experiential Education:** Engineering education increasingly emphasises hands-on learning labs, industry-focused curricula, and classroom enhancements to provide students with real-world projects and experiences. This approach enhances students' capacity to apply theoretical concepts to practical problems and cultivate critical problem-solving skills.

■ **Gamification and Problem-Solving:** The future of engineering education is anticipated to incorporate more gamification, prioritising problem-solving tasks, virtual tours, and hands-on activities over traditional educational models. Gamification enhances engagement and effectiveness in the learning process for students.

These emerging technologies, coupled with a focus on interdisciplinary learning, sustainability, industry collaboration, and soft skills development, are shaping the future landscape of engineering education. Embracing these trends enables engineering programs to better equip students to tackle the intricate challenges of the 21st century.



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- Faculty members delivered expert lectures at National and International Conferences.
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Nestled amid the serene landscapes of Karnataka, Ghouseia College of Engineering stands tall as a bastion of quality education and holistic development. Established in 1980, the institution has carved a niche for itself in the domain of technical education, earning accolades and recognition from prestigious bodies such as the AICTE and the Government of Karnataka.

Affiliated with the Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, and accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) for the third term, Ghouseia College of Engineering boasts a legacy of excellence. Situated on a sprawling 35-acre campus, approximately 45 kilometers from Bengaluru along the Bengaluru-Mysore National Highway 275, the college offers a conducive environment for learning and growth.

One of the distinguishing features of Ghouseia College of Engineering is its commitment to providing a nurturing space for minority students. Garnering the title of the No.1 Minority College in the State of Karnataka, the institution embraces diversity and inclusivity, fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding.

Central to the college's ethos is its dedication to academic rigour and comprehensive infrastructure. The library, housed in a separate building, offers an extensive collection of books and e-Journals through the VTU Consortia, catering to the diverse needs of students and faculty alike. The campus provides hostel facilities for approximately 600 students, with a separate hostel for female students, ensuring their safety and comfort.

Ghouseia College of Engineering goes beyond academics, prioritising holistic development. With top-notch sports facilities, including a gymnasium, the college promotes physical fitness and well-being among students. Transportation services are also provided for students commuting from Bengaluru, Mandya, Channarayana, and Ramanagara, ensuring accessibility for all.



The college's dedication to excellence is evident through its accolades, such as the "Excellent Engineering College in Karnataka - 2016" award. Recognised at the 11th National Karnataka Education Summit & Awards by MNRE & MSME (Govt. of India), AICTE, and other organisations, the college continues to set benchmarks in technical education.

Central to the institution's vision is the cultivation of world-class engineers equipped to navigate the ever-changing landscape of technology. However, Ghouseia College of Engineering goes beyond academic excellence, aiming to instill in its students the values of integrity, compassion, and social responsibility. Through a holistic approach to education, the college endeavors to shape not just skilled professionals but also exemplary citizens of tomorrow.

Guided by a robust mission and quality policy, Ghouseia College of Engineering remains committed in its pursuit of excellence. By providing state-of-the-art infrastructure, innovative programmes, and opportunities for personal and professional growth, the institution continues to empower its students to realise their full potential and contribute meaningfully to society.

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SIET is approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, and affiliated with Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi. Presently, SIET offers seven undergraduate and four postgraduate engineering courses with an annual intake of 360 and 84 respectively, along with five research centers offering Ph.D. programmes in Engineering & Technology and Management streams.

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studies in India and abroad and achieving success in their careers.

Aligned with a philosophy of lifelong learning, SIET prepares students not only to excel academically but also to develop interpersonal and intrapersonal skills, fostering confidence in approaching life's challenges. The institution endeavours to provide holistic, quality education infused with ethical, moral, and spiritual values, equipping Engineering and Management students to compete globally.

The institute boasts excellent infrastructure supporting all academic requirements, including well-equipped laboratories and a vast library housing numerous titles, textbooks, and reference materials. The library operates efficiently with a centralised computerised data-

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K. V. Shankaragowda, affectionately known as "Nithya Sachiva," was a former Education Minister of Karnataka and a visionary with a mission to promote and disseminate knowledge.

The primary objective of the college is to advance technical education among rural students.

With comprehensive monitoring and able guidance from former PET President Dr. H. D. Chowdaiah and current President K. S. Vijay Anand, the college is managed by the People's Education Trust, Mandya. The college boasts excellent academic facilities, a sports complex, and other amenities spread across a beautiful, lush 62-acre campus.

Recognitions and Accreditations

- Recognised by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi.
- Permanently affiliated with Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi (previously affiliated with the University of Mysore).
- Obtained Autonomous status in 2008-09 by the UGC.
- Ranked among the top 200 engineering colleges in the Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for the last five years.
- Accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an 'A' grade.



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The institution has received 18 crores in funding from the World Bank under TEQIP Phases II and III.



K. S. Vijay Anand, President, PES College of Engineering

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Upon achieving Autonomous status, the Management redefined its vision and mission, committing to developing student potential through high-quality teaching, learning processes, and state-of-the-art

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Infrastructure and Faculty Development

The campus has upgraded its computer network and provides Wi-Fi (1 Gbps) access. The institution boasts fully equipped infrastructure with well-qualified and experienced faculty. Faculty and technical staff regularly attend Faculty Development Programmes (FDP) and technical training to stay updated with the latest technologies.

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Research and Innovation

The institution's PET Research Centre has received sponsored projects from various agencies such as DRDO, DST, UGC, AICTE, VGST, and KSBDB.

Faculty members have published around 75 patents, with 10 granted. Centres of Excellence include the Center for Diagnostic Maintenance (CDM), VLSI Design, Medical Image Processing, High Voltage Insulation, Center for Alternative Energy Resource (CAER), Internet of Things (IoT), and Network Forensics.

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P.E.S. College of Engineering offers excellent campus placement opportunities, with over 150 companies visiting the campus for recruitment. Some students have secured international placements in companies located in Japan. The curriculum integrates soft skills and technical skills training to ensure students are industry-ready.

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VVCE has grown in leaps and bounds since its inception and has achieved distinction as one of the best technical and management education centers in Karnataka. Affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, with autonomous status from the academic year 2020-21, and approved by AICTE, New Delhi, and recognised by the Government of Karnataka, the college is situated in the western part of the Heritage city of Mysuru, on an elevated sprawling campus of 23 acres.

The Institute has been accredited by NAAC with an 'A' Grade and by NBA, New Delhi, ranked in NIRF (rank band: 251-300) in the year 2021-22. The Institute has received the "Gold rating" & "The Institute of Happiness" award by QS-IGauge, which speaks volumes about the quality of education VVCE provides to its students.

The college has an annual intake of 1156 students for seven undergraduate courses and three PG programmes. In addition, VVCE has set up research centers in 9 departments to promote research activities in frontier areas by offering doctoral programmes, with a total student population of over 4300.

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The growth of any educational institute depends on the quality of faculty and infrastructure. VVCE is blessed with excellent infrastructure and well-qualified, experienced, and committed faculty members who have great passion towards their profession, providing a highly conducive teaching and learning environment.

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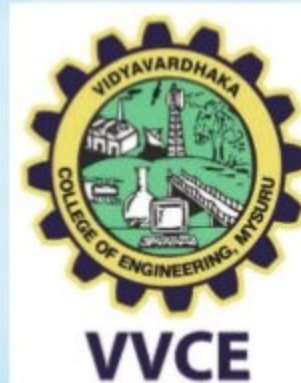
VVCE has seen many milestones heralding the all-around development of the College. Each classroom is fitted with LCD projectors and CCTV surveillance. Lecture capture provision is provided in all classrooms for the overall improvement of faculty as well as sharing lecture videos with students for better understanding.

VVCE has set up an incubation facility to provide space for budding engineering & management entrepreneurs. VVCE has 40 plus student-led clubs for the holistic personality development of every student.

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- Career counseling and guidance programs for personalised career development.
- Encouragement of research and innovation among students and faculty.
- A wide range of extracurricular activities for all-round development.
- Dedicated placement cell for comprehensive career support.

Academic Excellence

ATMECE boasts well-qualified and experienced faculty members who employ effective pedagogy, utilising ICT to provide an excellent learning experience. The institution offers well-equipped laboratories, extensive physical and digital libraries, and access to various national/international journals to inspire innovation and contemporary project undertakings.

Culturally Vibrant

With students hailing from diverse cultural backgrounds, ATMECE fosters a vibrant cultural environment. The institution provides numerous platforms for students to showcase their talents, organising events throughout the year, including the annual cultural fest 'ATMEYA,' which sees enthusiastic participation from both students and external competitors.

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ATMECE Highlights

- Over 120 qualified faculties.
- More than 4,400 students graduated.
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- 250+ companies visited campus.
- Highest package of 12 LPA.

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Placement Assistance

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- Resource Allocation: Guides efficient use of time and resources.
- Motivation and Engagement: Provides purpose and keeps engineers engaged.

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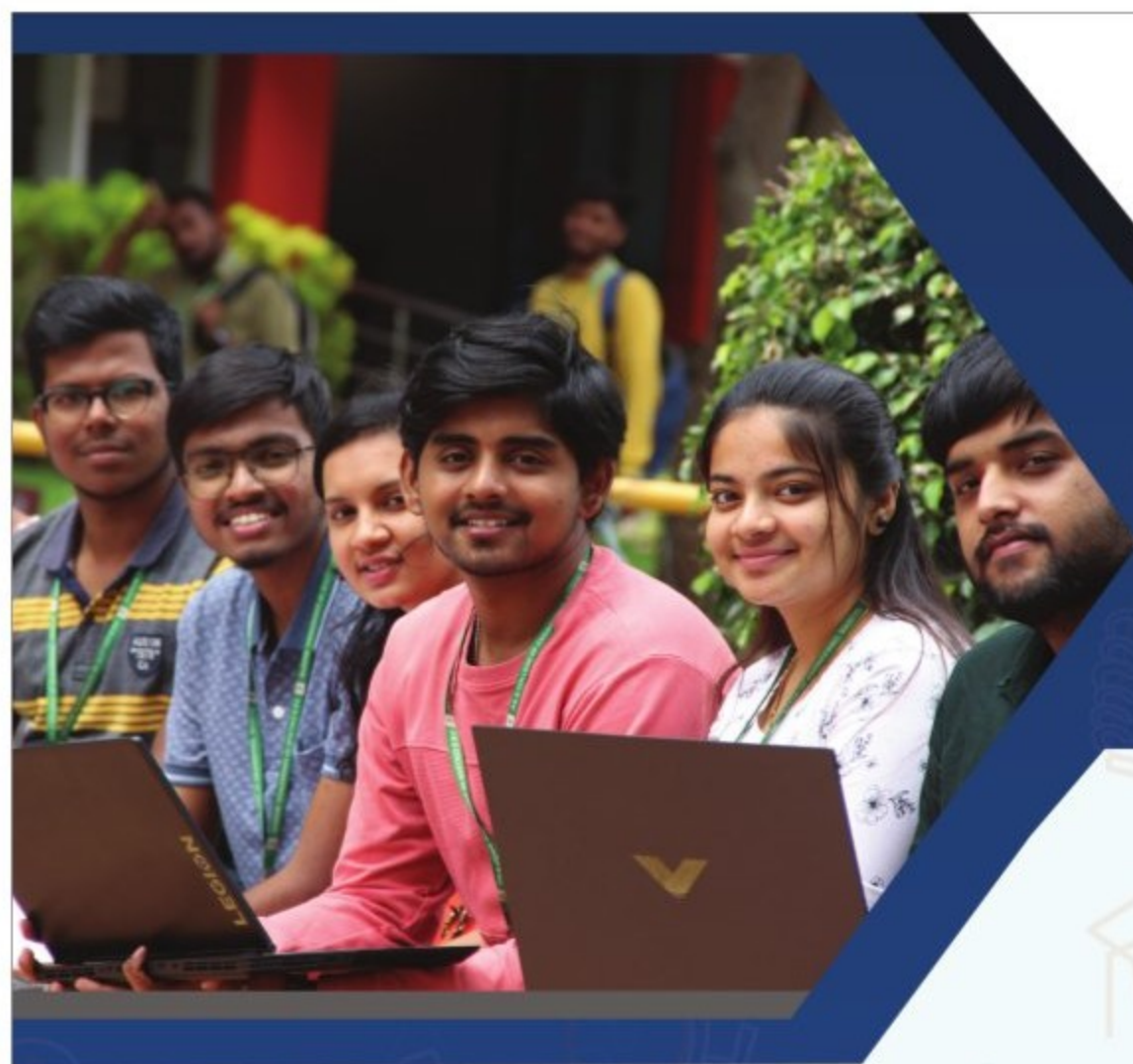
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ising future as a hub for quality engineering education.

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MUSE stands out as a unique institution for several reasons. Firstly, it boasts extensive infrastructure, creating an environment-friendly ambiance equipped with Wi-Fi facilities, contributing to a conducive learning environment. Moreover, the college offers distinctive features such as comprehensive placement training and ability enhancement courses right from the first year, preparing students for future campus recruitments.

MUSE has recently established a new NCC unit on campus, enriching students' experiences with opportunities for participation in sports activities. Furthermore, the departments are staffed with qualified and dedicated faculty members who prioritise providing high-quality, student-focused teaching, ensuring an enriching academic journey for every student.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INSTITUTE:

- The delivery of consistent achievement, diversity and core curricular standards.
- Outstanding environments for innovative, flexible and internationalized learning.
- Student progression and success through outstanding personalised support.
- Staff who are lifelong learners, fully engaged in their own professional development.
- The use of data and information to inform key decisions and actions.
- Close collaboration with students, researchers and partners to improve performance.

Mysore University School of Engineering (MUSE), situated within the scenic Manasagangotri Campus in Mysuru, is affiliated with the prestigious University of Mysore and approved by the AICTE, New Delhi. Established in the academic year 2021-2022, MUSE is dedicated to immersing young minds in the realm of technology. The institution nurtures holistic development, fostering an intellectual and balanced personality in its students.

At MUSE, an exceptional environment for innovative, flexible, and internationalised learning prevails. With a team of dedicated and compassionate faculty members, the institution endeavours to broaden students' horizons, resulting in outstanding academic achievements. The engineering courses offered provide a robust foundation in the

discipline, equipping students with the skills to construct, program, and validate real systems.

The engineering courses at MUSE are both challenging and contemporary, integrating modern practices and techniques essential for success in today's industries. Each department boasts dedicated teams committed to delivering high-quality, student-centered education.

MUSE offers five B.E. courses: Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Biomedical and Robotic Engineering, Civil Environmental Engineering, and Computer Science and Design Engineering.

These courses are designed to meet the demands of the evolving technological landscape and ensure graduates are well-prepared for their chosen fields.

In its inaugural year, MUSE has witnessed a robust influx of students, indicative of its prom-



Group photo of Director MUSE, Infosys springboard trainers, coordinators with third year BE students who attained spring board Training programME

Pathways to Excellence: Mysore University School of Engineering Collaborates with Infosys for Springboard Initiative

In a groundbreaking initiative aimed at equipping students with cutting-edge skills, Mysore University School of Engineering partnered with Infosys for an immersive certification programme. Running from February 15th to March 16th, 2024, the Infosys Springboard Initiative saw participation from over 800 students across various departments, including Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Computer Science and Design, Biomedical and Robotic Engineering, and Civil Environmental Engineering, held at the UoM campus, MUSE, Manasagangotri Mysore.

Under the leadership of Dr. Ananthapadmanabha T, Director of MUSE Engineering, this collaboration between Mysore University School of Engineering and Infosys marks a significant milestone in preparing students for industry demands. The MDP (MUSE Infosys Joint Digital Up skilling Programme) spearheads this partnership, offering comprehensive training modules covering advanced topics such as IoT, Microcontrollers, Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR), 3D Printing, and more.



The University of Mysore (UoM) holds a revered position among India's universities for over a century. Recent years have witnessed significant growth with the introduction of new courses, disciplines, and initiatives. Adapting to the evolving academic landscape, we define our strengths and cultivate our unique identity. With a commitment to innovation and progressive approaches across all domains, we prioritize identifying avenues for further development.

Recognized as an Institution of Excellence, University with Potential for Excellence, and Centre with Potential for Excellence in a Particular Area (CPEPA), UoM is now on the path to becoming an Institution of Eminence. Focused primarily on graduate and postgraduate studies across various disciplines, the university is renowned for its research excellence and distinguished faculty.

- Prof. Lokanath N K, Vice Chancellor

Charting the Course to Career Success: Training and Placement Activities 2024 Phase I at MUSE

Dr. Ananthapadmanabha T, Director of Mysore University School of Engineering, serves as a guiding light, aiding students in developing the essential skills and knowledge required to secure their desired jobs in the future through the organisation of Training and

Placement programmes

Scheduled from April 22nd to May 5th, 2024, Phase I of the activity targeted third-year students from the departments of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, Biomedical and Robotic Engineering, Computer Science and Design, and Civil Environmental Engineering. Expert resource persons conducted training sessions covering aptitude and



Third year students of MUSE attending Aptitude and reasoning module

reasoning, group discussions, mock group discussions, verbal ability, verbal reasoning, critical thinking, teamwork, resume building, HR interviews, time management, and mock interviews, aimed at strengthening students' skills.

Education ignites young minds, empowering them to reach their fullest potential. Engineering serves as a solid foundation for any career path. Engineers often enhance society's quality of life through innovative thinking, diligent work, dedication, and a unique skill set.

The goal of education is to cultivate critical thinking skills and the ability to reason through facts. This is accomplished by fostering an excellent academic environment, providing state-of-the-art infrastructure and laboratories, and engaging dedicated, highly qualified faculty members with extensive teaching and industrial expertise.

- Dr. Ananthapadmanabha T, Director



H.M.S EDUCATION SOCIETY

BUILDING DREAMS, BRIDGING HORIZONS



For over two decades, H.M.S Education Society, Tumkur has been at the forefront of imparting Technical, Para Medical, and General Education to eligible candidates across India and beyond. Established in 1980-81 by educationalist S. Shafi Ahmed, the society has thrived under his visionary leadership, becoming a frontrunner in educational advancement in the region.

From its modest beginnings, the society has expanded its horizons under the guidance of S. Shafi Ahmed. What began with the establishment of a polytechnic offering just four branches in 1980 has evolved into a comprehensive educational institution encompassing a wide array of disciplines. With S. Shafi Ahmed's dedication, new colleges and schools were added over the years, ensuring that H.M.S Education Society remains at the forefront of educational innovation and accessibility.

Today, H.M.S Education Society is synonymous with quality education in Tumkur. Renowned for its diverse range of courses in technology, para-medicine, and more, the society caters to the educational needs of over 3000 students from across India and abroad. From early childhood education to graduation and post-graduation courses, H.M.S Education Society offers a holistic educational experience that prepares students for the challenges of the modern world.

At the heart of the society's educational offerings is HMS Institute of Technology, established in 1997-98 with the aim of providing technical education of the highest caliber. Affiliated with Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum, and approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the institute is a testament to the society's commitment to excellence. With courses accredited by the NBA, students at HMS Institute of Technology receive a world-class education that equips them with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in today's competitive world.

Located in Tumkur, just 60 kilometers from Bangalore towards Mumbai, the institute boasts a picturesque cam-



S. Shafi Ahmed, Chairman



Dr. Rafeeq Ahmed, Director



pus spread over 30 acres of land. Characterised by beautiful landscaping and architecturally designed buildings that complement the natural terrain, the campus provides an ideal setting for learning and growth. Surrounded by natural beauty and maintained as a pollution-free green environment, the campus fosters an atmosphere conducive to academic achievement and personal development.

As H.M.S Education Society, Tumkur continues to expand its educational offerings and uphold its commitment to excellence, it remains a shining example of the transformational power of education. With S. Shafi Ahmed's vision guiding its endeavours, the society is poised to shape the future of education in Karnataka and beyond, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of generations to come.

MRIT

Shaping Engineers of Tomorrow with Excellence and Innovation

Mysuru Royal Institute of Technology, Srirangapatna, commonly known as MRIT, stands as a prominent engineering college within the state of Karnataka. Established in 2013, the

Institute holds affiliation with Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum and approval from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Recognised for its exemplary pedagogical approach and remarkable placement track record, MRIT has earned a distinguished reputation in the field.

MRIT boasts a team of experienced and highly qualified faculty members, each serving as an expert in their respective domains.

Courses offered

The institute offers under graduate courses in Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Information science and Engineering. It is proposed to offer new engineering course in Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning and Master of Business Administration along with the existing courses.

Teaching Methodology

At MRIT Mandya, the teaching methodology is crafted to inspire academic excellence and holistic development among its students. Rooted in a student-centric approach, the institute employs a blend of traditional teaching methods and modern pedagogical techniques like multimedia resources, online platforms, and e-



learning modules into its curriculum.

Library

The Library at Mysuru Royal Institution of Technology is growing by leaps and bounds every year which reflects the interest of the students. With over 8,000 books spanning more than 1200 titles, more than 5000 e-books, 10,000 scholarly e-journals, 20 magazines and newspapers, the library at

MRIT boasts of excellent facilities.

Social Responsibilities

The institute places a strong emphasis on character building and social responsibility, organising community service projects, leadership development programmes, and extracurricular activities to nurture well-rounded individuals through an active NSS unit.

Co-Curricular activities

MRIT actively promotes co-curricular activities to foster holistic development. Cultural, technical, and sports clubs operate within the institute, organising diverse events and activities throughout the academic year. MRIT's annual fest, "aMRITayana," attracts wide-ranging participation.

Placements

The most crucial responsibility an engineering college has is to prepare its students for careers in engineering by evaluating individual student and to help them reach their objectives by providing necessary and appropriate training to enhance Technical skill, Communication skill, Soft skill, Aptitude training, Domain specific training and Pre placement training. Most of the students are placed in Wipro, TCS, Infosys, First floor, Excel soft, Capgemini, Hexaware Technologies, etc.

Other facilities

MRIT Mandya is dedicated to providing top-notch facilities that include canteen, bus transportation services, separate hostel accommodations for boys and girls, Wi-Fi enabled campus.



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING MYSORE

EMPOWERING MINDS, ENGINEERING FUTURES



The National Institute of Engineering is on a transformational journey, and they take pride in being a part of this significant transition. The recognition of the nation's economic progress, propelling it to be among the top 5 countries globally and aiming for a top 3 position in the coming years, highlights the aspirations of its citizens, especially the students. In this context, there's a fervent desire among students to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and explore opportunities in lucrative careers, higher education, or entrepreneurship.

The Centers of Excellence at NIE, specialising in Renewable Energy, Automobile Technology, Industrial Automation, Robotics, Building Safety, Water Resources, and Artificial Intelligence, play a significant role in advancing knowledge through innovative research in science and engineering. These centers, bolstered by collaborations with organisations such as Volvo Eicher, Kukra, Felsomat, Bosch, IBM, Siemens, and government-

tal bodies like MHRD, DST, KCTU, serve as specialised hubs facilitating interdisciplinary collaboration. By offering state-of-the-art facilities and resources, they empower researchers to explore new frontiers and devise solutions to intricate scientific and engineering challenges.

The impact of transdisciplinary research in addressing societal and industrial issues cannot be overstated. Faculty members have contributed solutions to real-world problems ranging from clean water and alternative energy to the welfare of abandoned infants. Encouraging the spirit of inquiry among students is paramount at NIE, reflected in their innovative solutions that encompass various dimensions of a problem, resulting in more efficacious outcomes.

Moreover, by fostering collaboration among academia, industry, government, and society,

interdisciplinary research endeavours to collectively tackle contemporary challenges, thereby catalysing beneficial societal and industrial transformations.

Integrating research into undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) curricula is vital for nurturing critical thinking, innovation, and preparing students for real-world challenges.



Uday Shankar, S.B.
Hon. Secretary, NIE-MC

NIE achieves this through various means:

- **Research-Oriented Courses:** Offering courses tailored to introduce students to research methodologies, innovation, design thinking, literature review techniques, and data analysis, integrated into both UG and PG programmes.

- **Research Projects and Dissertations:** Incorporating research projects and dissertations as mandatory requirements for graduation in PG programs, along with a mandate for PG

scholars to publish research articles based on their dissertation work. For UG programmes, NIE offers minor and major projects, engaging students in the design, analysis, and development of solutions to complex engineering problems across all programmes.

- **Industry Partnerships for Internships:** Collaborating with industry partners on research internships and projects, providing students with opportunities to tackle real-world problems and gain industry exposure.

- **Skills Training and MOOC Courses:** Imparting skilling programmes across various domains and integrating MOOC courses into the curriculum to enhance the domain knowledge of UG and PG students, enabling them to apply these skills to solve complex engineering research problems.

- **Integration of Research into Coursework:** Incorporating research-based assignments, case studies, and projects into regular coursework, allowing students to apply research skills learned in dedicated courses to

their major subjects.

NIE remains at the forefront of embracing emerging areas in research and development, leveraging technologies like Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things (IoT). Major research endeavours include Natural Language Processing for sign language interpretation and text summarisation, AI applications in healthcare systems for medical diagnosis enhancement, and Deep Learning applications in cloud computing architectures and optimisation techniques.

In addition to the mentioned areas, NIE excels in various cutting-edge research initiatives across multiple disciplines, including:

- **Nanotechnology and Materials Science:** Actively involved in research related to nano-materials, nanoelectronics, and their applications in energy and electronics, alongside pioneering work in polymer composites for mechanical and aerospace applications.

- **Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence:** Conducting research in machine learning, computer vision, natural language processing, and robotics, leading to notable contributions

and collaborations with industries and research institutions.

- **Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology:** Engaged in research initiatives focusing on solar energy, wind energy, energy storage solutions, bio-waste energy generation, and sustainable development practices through the Center for Renewable Energy and System Technology (CREST).

- **Building Fire Research Centre (BFRC):** Conducting systematic research, training, and consultancy services on fire safety, with recent patents in recycled brick powder composition and experimental evaluation of flexural toughness of fiber-reinforced concrete.

- **Entrepreneurship and Innovation:** Fostering a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation, with initiatives focusing on technology commercialization, startup incubation, and industry partnerships.

NIE prioritises the holistic development of students, including their employability and entrepreneurial skills, through a range of skill development programs, workshops, and seminars. The institute collaborates with companies for guest lec-

tures, internships, and projects, providing students with real-world exposure and networking opportunities.

Internship opportunities at NIE include both summer and long-term internships, meticulously planned and hosted by the Placement Department to provide hands-on experience and practical knowledge. The department also conducts aptitude training, soft skill training, mock interviews, CV building workshops, and career counseling sessions to prepare students for placements. Campus recruitment drives by leading companies offer direct access to internships and job opportunities, facilitating seamless placement processes.

In the academic year 2022-23, NIE witnessed visits from over 328 companies, including prominent IT and core companies, resulting in the placement of 3826 students through campus recruitment over the last five years. Core companies specific to each domain, along with dream companies like CISCO, Visa, Amazon, TWILIO, Google, SAP Labs, and Microsoft, regularly visit the campus, providing students with diverse opportunities for internships and placements.



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Rank Band
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India Today
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Colleges in India 2023

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Diamond Rank
Indian University Rating

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50th Rank
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(Private)

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5th Rank at the State Level

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B.E. in Computer Science and Engineering
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B.E. in Mechanical Engineering
Bachelor of Computer Applications

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M.Sc. in Computer Science (AI and ML)
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M.Sc. Chemistry
M.Sc. Mathematics
M.Sc. in Analytical Chemistry

PG Programs:

M.Tech. in Biotechnology
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M.Tech. in Health Science and Water Engineering
M.Tech. in Industrial Electronics
M.Tech. in Infrastructure Engineering and Management
M.Tech. in Material Science and Engineering
M.Tech. in Network and Internet Engineering
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PG MCA CET code - C522 | M.Tech CET code: T990

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B.E. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering
B.E. in Electronics and Communication Engineering
B.E. in Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering
B.E. in Environmental Engineering
B.E. in Industrial and Production Engineering
B.E. in Mechanical Engineering
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Ensuring Employment Readiness with Industry-Driven Curricula



In today's rapidly evolving job market, the demand for skilled professionals is on the rise. Technical education plays a pivotal role in bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements. One key aspect that enhances the effectiveness of technical education is the development of an industry-relevant curriculum.

The importance of an industry-relevant curriculum in technical education cannot be overstated. By aligning educational programs with industry standards and leveraging technology to enhance learning experiences, institutions can better prepare students for successful careers in a rapidly changing job market. This article provides a comprehensive overview of the significance of emphasizing industry-relevant curricula in technical education.

Importance of Industry-Relevant Curriculum in Technical Education

An industry-relevant curriculum ensures that educational programs are aligned with the current needs and trends of the industry. By incorporating industry-specific skills, technologies, and practices into the curriculum, students are better prepared to meet the demands of the workforce upon graduation.

KEY POINTS:

- **Employment Readiness:** Industry-relevant curricula provide students with the skills and work ethics necessary to excel in their chosen fields.
- **Professional Development:** Technical education programs, such as Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM), offer students a pathway to professional growth and higher salaries.
- **Campus Placements:** Institutions that offer industry-relevant curricula often facilitate high-paying campus placements for their graduates.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Technical education programs not only focus on academic learning but also provide opportunities for students to build valuable professional networks.

Role of Technology in Curriculum Development

Technology plays a crucial role in enhancing the delivery of technical education. By integrating digital platforms, interactive multimedia, and emerging technologies like virtual reality and artificial intelligence, educational institutions can create engaging and effective learning experiences for students.

- **Digital Learning Resources:** Technology enables the integration of digital resources, online learning models, and educational software into the curriculum development process.
- **Active Learning:** Technology supports active and experiential learning through interactive simulations, virtual labs, and multimedia content.
- **Diverse Learner Needs:** Technology can cater to diverse learners by offering accessibility features, content delivery through various modalities, and differentiated instruction.
- **Preparation for the Digital Work-**

place: Integrating technology into the curriculum prepares students for the digital workplace by exposing them to industry-relevant software and practical experiences.

Strategies for Ensuring Industry-Relevant Curriculum

Technical education institutions can ensure that their curriculum remains industry-relevant through various strategies and practices. Here are some key ways to achieve this:

- **Industry-Academia Interaction:** Establishing strong partnerships between academic institutions and industries is crucial. This interaction can involve industry representatives participating in curriculum design meetings, providing input on course offerings, and ensuring that the curriculum aligns with current industry requirements.

- **Curriculum Design with Industry Input:** Involving industry experts in the curriculum design process is essential. Industry representatives can help identify the skills, technologies, and practices that are in demand, ensuring that the curriculum includes relevant courses and content.

- **Professional Development Programmes:** Offering professional development programs for faculty members can help them stay updated on industry trends and technologies. Faculty training sessions conducted by industry experts can enhance the quality of education and ensure that instructors are well-equipped to deliver industry-relevant content.

- **Internship and Placement Opportunities:** Providing students with internship opportunities in industry settings can bridge the gap between academic learning and practical application. Industry internships allow students to gain hands-on experience and apply their classroom knowledge in real-world scenarios, enhancing their employability.

- **Continuous Curriculum Evaluation:** Regularly evaluating the curriculum based on industry feedback, technological advancements, and market trends is essential. Institutions should be agile in updating their curriculum to reflect the evolving needs of the industry and ensure that graduates are equipped with the latest skills and knowledge.

Benefits

- **Enhanced Employability:** An industry-relevant curriculum equips students with the skills and knowledge demanded by the industry, making them more employable. By focusing on technology concepts and principles applicable to various vendor environments, students develop highly marketable skills that enhance their employability.

- **Validation of Knowledge and Skills:** Industry certifications obtained through an industry-relevant curriculum verify that students possess the necessary knowledge and skills to succeed in specific areas or fields. Certification exams are developed by industry leaders, ensuring that students meet industry standards and are well-prepared for their careers.

- **Increased Opportunities for Employment:** Industry certifications not only help students secure long-term careers but also provide opportunities for part-time employment while they are still in school. Students with certifications are more likely to find positions relevant to their career goals and gain valuable work experience, giving them a competitive edge in the job market.

- **High Levels of Student Engagement:** Students who earn industry certifications are more engaged in the learning process. They are more likely to achieve higher GPAs, enroll in advanced classes, and have higher attendance rates. Certification programs motivate students to excel academically and actively participate in their educational journey.

- **Preparation for the Future:** An industry-relevant curriculum prepares students for future educational and career paths by equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge. Students with industry certifications are more likely to earn professional credentials, advance in their careers, and secure higher salaries, setting them up for success in the workforce.

Avoid taking Unnecessary Courses

Industry-relevant curriculum can help students avoid taking unnecessary courses by ensuring that the educational content remains relevant to the ever-evolving job market. This approach bridges the gap between theory and practice, equipping students with practical skills that enhance employability. Here are some ways industry-relevant curriculum can help:

- **Relevance and Currency:** Industry-driven curriculum ensures that educational content remains relevant to the ever-evolving job market. Unlike traditional academic programs, which may lag behind technological advancements, industry-driven courses are regularly updated to reflect the latest trends and practices.

- **Employer Collaboration:** Collaboration between educational institutions and industry stakeholders is at the heart of industry-driven CTE. Employers actively participate in curriculum design, ensuring that graduates meet their workforce needs.

- **Hands-On Learning and Skill Mastery:** Industry-driven programs emphasise practical skills over theoretical knowledge. Students engage in hands-on activities, simulations, and real-world projects.

- **Certifications as Credentials:** Certifications serve as tangible credentials that validate specific skills. They enhance students' employability and provide a competitive edge.

By aligning educational content with the demands of the job market, industry-driven approaches can help students avoid taking unnecessary courses by focusing on practical skills that are directly applicable to the workforce. This approach not only enhances employability but also provides a competitive edge in the job market.



SIT

Mission of Inclusivity and Opportunity



Sree Siddaganga Math, initiated by Sree Sree Uddana Swamiji in 1917 and meticulously nurtured by the venerable Dr. Sree Sree Sivakumara Swamiji, has been a guiding light of holistic education and social service. The Siddaganga Gurukula, an integral part of this institution, extends its reach by providing free food, education, and lodging to over 10,000 rural students, crossing barriers of caste, creed, and community. The Math also supports underprivileged students with financial aid for fees, clothing, and other essential expenses.

Under the visionary leadership of Sree Sree Sivakumara Swamiji, the Sree Siddaganga Education Society was established, overseeing 125 educational establishments, predominantly in rural Karnataka. Moreover, the Math launched a Medical College and Research Institute in 2022-23, furthering its commitment to healthcare and education.

Continuing this noble legacy, Sree Siddalinga Swamiji, the current President of Sree Siddaganga Math, diligently carries forward the philanthropic initiatives initiated by his revered Guruji.

Among these institutions is the Siddaganga Institute of Technol-



ogy (SIT), founded in 1963. SIT offers 14 undergraduate and 06 post-graduate programmes, catering to over 4500 students. Recognised as a center of academic excellence, 15 departments of SIT are designated as Research Centers by Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum, with 187 scholars pursuing Ph.D. programmes.

SIT boasts a faculty of 290 experienced and dedicated members, with 155 holding Ph.Ds from institutions such as IISc Bangalore, and various IITs. Another 49 faculty members are currently pursuing their Ph.D. programmes at renowned institutions.

Emphasising the symbiosis of

teaching and research, faculty members actively engage in sponsored research projects from prestigious organisations like DRDO, DST, and ISRO.

The institute's commitment to quality education is highlighted by accreditations from NBA, NAAC (with an 'A++' grade), and recognition by QS I.Gauge with a Diamond Rating.

Consistently ranked among the top 100 Engineering Institutions by NIRF since 2016, SIT has also secured notable ranks in AICTE-CII surveys and holds ISO 9001:2015 certification, exemplifying its commitment to excellence and innovation in technical education.

CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PETROCHEMICALS ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (CIPET): CSTS



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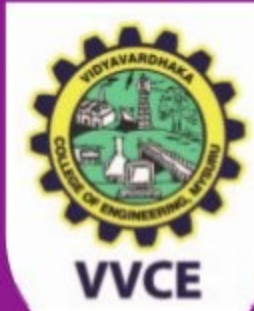
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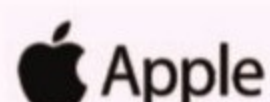
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